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ROAD TO VICTORY

US Seventh Fleet steams towards Bay

DHAKA : By December 10, 1971 it was apparent to everybody, including the Pakistanis that the war was over. The Americans who had sided with the Pakistanis revealed as much in their internal communications, reports BSS.

Excerpts from State Department documents now preserved in the US Library of Congress.

Memo from Kissinger to Nixon:
"The war in the East has reached its final stages. The Indian forces are encircling Dacca and preparing for the final assault if the Pak forces in the capital area refuse to surrender. Pak resistance elsewhere in the province appears on the verge of total collapse, although they continue to hold some isolated areas. Faced with this desperate situation, the top Pak military official in Dacca has called on the UN to arrange (a) peaceful transfer of power to the "elected representatives of East Pakistan," (b) an

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ACC declares 'jihad' against corruption

DHAKA : Acting chairman of the Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) M Shahabuddin on Tuesday said the Commission has declared 'jihad' (vigorous campaign for a cause) against pervasive corruption in the country, reports UNB.

"We announce our solidarity with the anti-corruption movement that continues globally...we have declared 'jihad' against corruption," he said at a human chain programme in the capital. The ACC organised the programme in front of the Jatiya Press Club marking the 'International Anti-Corruption Day 2014'.

Speaking on the occasion, Shahabuddin said: "We're committed to build Sonar Bangla - a country free from poverty and hunger. Corruption must be eliminated to build the country as Sonar Bangla, which will be free from poverty and hunger." He said the Commission is making its best efforts to check graft in the country.

Earlier, in the morning, the national anti-graft body brought out a procession, led by its acting chairman M Shahabuddin, from the ACC head office. The procession ended at the same venue after parading Kakrail, Bijoyagar, Paltan and Jatiya Press Club points.



Namaz Timings

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Fajr	05:10 AM	05:45 AM
Zohr	11:55 PM	01:15 PM
Asr	03:35 PM	04:15 PM
Magrib	05:13 PM	05:15 PM
Esha	06:35 PM	07:30 PM

Tahajjud After midnight

Source: Islamic Foundation

SUNSET : 05:11 PM
SUNRISE : 06:28 AM

ECNEC clears projects to expand rural electrification network

DHAKA : The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) on Tuesday approved two projects seeking the expansion of rural electrification network to give power connections to four lakh new clients in 11 districts under Barisal and Khulna divisions with a combined outlay of Tk 1,834 crore, reports UNB.

Held with Ecneec Chairperson and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, the approval came from the Ecneec meeting held at the NEC conference room.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal said a total of nine projects were approved at the meeting involving Tk 7,900.10 crore. Of the total project cost, the Planning Minister said, Tk 5,436.52 crore will come from the national exchequer, while Tk 185.39 crore from the organisation's own fund and Tk 2278.19 crore as project assistance.

About the implementation progress of the Annual Development Programme (ADP) for the July-November period of the current fiscal year, he said there has been 20 percent progress which was also 20 percent during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal. He, however, said the ADP expenditure during the July-November period of the current fiscal totalled Tk 15,904 crore compared to Tk 13,156 crore during the July-November period of the previous fiscal year.

Mustafa Kamal said the Rural Electrification Expansion Barisal Divisional Programme-2 will be implemented at a cost of Tk 838.90 crore while the Rural Electrification Expansion Khulna Divisional Programme-2 at Tk 995.50 crore. Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board under the Power Division will implement both the projects by June, 2018.

Under these two projects, he said, some 10,700 km new electricity lines would be set up alongside rehabilitation of some 1,300 km old ones in the two divisions' 11 districts-Jhalkati, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Bagerhat, Jessore, Jhenidah, Khulna, Kushtia, Magura, Meherpur and Satkhira. Besides, 25 new power substations will be set up under these two projects.

Rokeya Padak-2014 conferred to Momtaz Begum, Golap Banu

TBT REPORT

Jatiya Mohila Sangstha chairman Prof Momtaz Begum and Golap Banu were conferred Begum Rokeya Padak-2014 for their contributions to women development.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina handed over the Padak to them at a function at Osmani Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday organized by Ministry of Children and Women

Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroz Chumki presided over the programme.

"A total of 35 dedicated and pioneer personalities (Female) who spent their life for the development of women were awarded with the accolade since 1975," said the State Minister.

Prof Mamtaz has been performing as the chairperson of Jatiya Mohila Sangstha since 2009. She was elected



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina strikes a pose with the Begum Rokeya Padak-2014 winners Prof Mamtaz Begum and Golap Banu. Photo: PID

Affairs marking the 135th birthday of the pioneer of the women renaissance.

Rokeya Padak-2014 was awarded to the two female for their outstanding contribution to expanding women education, establishing women rights and socioeconomic development of the helpless and poor women. State

a Member of National Assembly (MNA) of Pakistan in 1970 and a member of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad in 1973. Begum Rokeya Padak was introduced in 1995 and a total of 37 women personalities got the award since its inception.

SC stays ex-BTCL MD's jail, grants him bail

DHAKA : The Supreme Court on Tuesday stayed a High Court order sentencing former managing director of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Company Ltd (BTCL) SOM Kalimullah to four months' imprisonment for contempt of court charge, reports UNB.

Passing the order, Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division Justice Hasan Foez Siddique also granted a bail for eight weeks to the former BTCL boss

On December 4, the High Court sentenced Kalimullah to four months' simple imprisonment for contempt of court. He was also fined Tk 100,000, in default, to suffer simple imprisonment for another month. Hours after the HC order, Kalimullah was sent to jail.

Rana Plaza RMG factory owner gets HC bail

DHAKA : The High Court on Tuesday granted an interim bail for six months to a Rana Plaza garment factory owner in a case filed over the building collapse, reports UNB.

An HC bench comprising Justice Syed AB Mahmudul Haque and Justice M Akram Hossain granted bail to Bazlul Samad Adnan, owner of 'New Wave Style Ltd' that had been housed in the collapsed Rana Plaza.

The commercial complex, built with a faulty design at Savar on the outskirts of capital Dhaka, came crashing down on April 24, 2013, killing over 1,134 people and injuring some 2,515.

The building collapse is considered to be the deadliest garment-factory accident in history, as well as the deadliest accidental structural failure in modern human history.



A tanker (inset) carrying some 3.57 lakh liters of furnace oil sank in the Shela River at Joymonigol under the East Zone of the Sundarbans on Tuesday. The oil is polluting the river alarmingly. Photo: Internet



Begum Ismat Ara Sadique

Officials held meeting with Khaleda Zia 'identified'

DHAKA : State minister for Public Administration Begum Ismat Ara Sadique on Tuesday claimed that the government has identified the public servants who reportedly attended a secret meeting with BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia, reports UNB.

Talking to reporters at her office, the junior minister said they have identified the government officials joined the meeting with the help of intelligence agencies.

Sources at the ministry told UNB that the list of the public servants sat in a meeting with Khaleda was collected through three intelligence agencies.

According to the sources, now the government is crosschecking whether they really participated in the much-talked-about meeting. He, however, declined to disclose the number of officials identified in this connection.

BNP claimed some retired government officials met BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia at her office on December 4 as per her regular contact with people from all walks of life.

However, the government following the reports of intelligence agencies alleged that several government officials, now officers on special duty (OSDs), held a meeting with Khaleda at her Gulshan office to conspire against it violating of the Government Servants' (Conduct) Rules.

World Human Rights Day today

DHAKA : The World Human Rights Day will be observed in the country on today as elsewhere across the globe, reports UNB.

The UN General Assembly proclaimed December 10 as Human Rights Day in 1950 with a view to bringing to the attention 'of the peoples of the world' the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations.

The theme of this year's day is: 'Human Rights 365' that encompasses the idea that every day is Human Rights Day. Various organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes, including discussions, rallies and human chains, to mark the day.

Oil from sunken tanker spreads alarmingly, polluting Shela River

NIHAR RANJAN SAHA, BAGERHAT CORRESPONDENT

A tanker loaded with oil sank in the Shela River at Joymonigol under the East Zone of the Sundarbans on Tuesday morning as a cargo trawler hit it amid dense fog, leaving its master missing.

M Giasuddin, managing director of Harun & Co, the owner of the oil tanker, said the empty cargo trawler, Total Cargo, rammed into their vessel 'OT Southern Star 7', from behind as it was anchored at Joymonigol around 5am due to poor visibility caused by dense fog, creating cracks at the bottom of the deck. Later, the vessel, heading towards Gopalganj, capsized in the river quickly as water poured into it through the cracks. Now the oil

is spilling into the river.

Seven crewmembers who were on board the tanker managed to swim ashore, but its master, Mokhesur Rahman still remained missing, said Giasuddin.

He said the oil tanker sailed for Gopalganj on Monday afternoon from

Khulna Padma Oil Company depot to supply the oil to a power station there, but its master was forced to anchor it at Joymonigol around 10 am due to poor visibility caused by the thick fog.

Contacted, Cost Guard West Zone Commander Captain Mehdi Masud said they have sent a team to the spot and it started the salvage operation.

DCC polls aimed at confusing people about movement: BNP

DHAKA : BNP spokesman Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir on Tuesday alleged that the government is speaking about holding Dhaka City Corporation elections only to confuse people about the opposition's ongoing movement, reports UNB.

"This illegal government is making such evil designs to get legitimised and suppress the opposition's movement. They're now talking about DCC polls after a long time only to divert people's attention to a different direction," he said.

Fakhrul, the BNP acting secretary general, came up with the remarks while talking to reporters after visiting ailing film director Chashi Nazrul Islam at LabAid Hospital in the city.

The BNP leader said the government had resorted to such evil plans in the past but it could not stop their movement. "Their plots will not be successful this time either."

Earlier, on Monday, at the weekly cabinet meeting, Prime minister Sheikh Hasina, reportedly asked the authorities concerned to submit a specific plan for Dhaka City Corporations (DCCs) elections instead of extending the tenure of the current administrators. She told the ministers concerned to think about holding DCC elections within this winter.

Asked whether BNP will join the polls if those are really held, Fakhrul said the party forum will decide it.

About the placing of chargesheets in a sedition case against BNP vice chairman Sadeque Hossain Khoka, he said the government having failed to face the opposition politically is harassing its leaders and activists implicating them in false cases. "They're so much afraid of our movement that they have submitted the chargesheets against Khoka who has long been undergoing treatment abroad."



BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir talks to reporters after visiting ailing film director Chashi Nazrul Islam, at a hospital in Dhaka on Tuesday. Photo: TV grab



Dhaka University Model United Nations Association, Dhaka University Tourist Society, Dhaka University IT Society, Activista Dhaka University chapter and Badhon Dhaka University chapter, jointly organized an Awareness Campaign on 'Youth-Police collaboration' on Tuesday at TSC in the morning. HR Ovi

Another martyr’s son testifies against Bagerhat Kashai Siraj

DHAKA : Another 1971 martyr's son on Tuesday accused Sirajul Huq alias Kashai Siraj of killing his father at village Ranjitpur, Bagerhat during the Liberation War on May 13, 1971, reports UNB.

"Accused Siraj didn't hesitate to kill his boyhood football-mate, Kanek Das, my father," recalled Arun Das, now 55, before the International Crimes Tribunal-1 while testifying against the accused as PW-5. Corroborating the evidence of other PWs over the May 13 incident, Arun told the tribunal that on the day he had come out of their house after hearing hue and cry outside.

At that time, PW Arun said, his mother had asked him to go out to see what were happening out there and report her back. "As I came out of the house, I saw Siraj Master along with his Razakar cohorts moving forward brandishing rifles and machetes," said Arun. The PW further said, "My father was captured by accused

Siraj while fleeing. I and my mother begged for my father's life but that went in vain. Accused Siraj first hit him with a machete cutting off his fingers as my father tried to resist the stroke with his two hands. Then the accused shot at him and left the place presuming the victim dead."

In an emotion-choked voice, the PW told the tribunal that his father succumbed to his bullet wounds after taking a little drop of water collected by his mother dipping her saree's rim into a nearby ditch. Before closing his testimony, PW Arun identified accused Siraj from among the three accused in the dock. The PW-5 will be cross-examined by the state-appointed defence counsel tomorrow (Wednesday). On November 5, the tribunal indicted detained accused Sirajul Huq alias Kashai Seraj, 72, Akram Hossain Khan, 61, and A Latif Talukder, 68, of Bagerhat for their involvement in

crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

The three commanders of Razakar, an auxiliary force of the Pakistan occupation army, face seven counts of charges of crimes against humanity that include killing, genocide, loot, arson, rape, abduction, torture, and conversion of Hindus to Muslim under duress during the Liberation War in Bagerhat district. ASP M Helal Uddin, investigation officer of the case, listed 65 prosecution witnesses (PWs) to testify before the tribunal against the three accused to prove the war crimes charges. On September 15, the tribunal took cognisance of the offences of the 1971 war crimes against them as it found prima facie case for trial after examination of the formal charge, investigation report, and the papers, documents and evidence submitted by the prosecution in connection with the case.



Rokeya Day was observed on Dhaka University campus on Monday marking 134th birth and 82nd death anniversary of Begum Rokeya. DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Rokeya hall provost Professor Nazma Shaheen are seen with mass participants at the rally.

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GD-1752/14 (6x3)

Air chief addresses Mali-bound contingent members

DHAKA : Bangladesh Air Force is on the verge of deploying its contingent for the first time at United Nations Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), reports UNB.

Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal Muhammad Enamul Bari briefed the members of the contingent at BAF Base Bashar, Tejgaon today, an ISPR release said. The chief of air staff advised them to discharge their duties with honesty, professionalism and sincerity and bring honour for Bangladesh Air Force as well as for the country.

He then participated in a special Munajat arranged for success of the contingent.

Among others Principal Staff Officers, Air Officer of BAF Base Bashar and senior BAF officers of Air Headquarters and bases were present in the session.

Sixteen members of the contingent departed for Mali on September 9 as an advanced team, the release said. A total of 240 BAF members of 2 contingents (Utility Aviation Unit-1 and Airfield Support & Maintenance Unit-1) are proceeding to Mali where BAF is going to deploy 3 X MI-17 helicopters with necessary ground support equipment.

Khaleda, Tarique responsible for emergence of militancy in the country: Quamrul

DHAKA : Food Minister Advocate Quamrul Islam yesterday alleged that Begum Khaleda Zia and Tarique Rahman were responsible for emergence of militancy in the country, reports BSS.

"Begum Khaleda Zia was responsible for emergence of militancy and she had also haboured and patronised the militants, who would bite her one day," he said.

The minister said this while speaking as the chief guest at a rally of independent Ebtedayee Madrasa Teachers Association at the National Press Club auditorium in the city. President of the Association Alhaj Kazi Ruhul Amin Chowdhury chaired the rally in which Primary and Mass Education Minister Advocate Mustafizur Rahman attended as the special guest. General Secretary of the Association Moulana Mokhlesur Rahman, assistant secretary of Awami League sub-committee MA Karim and chief adviser of the Association Sagar Ahmed Shaheen were

the discussants, among others. Quamrul Islam said, "The previous four-party alliance government took the madrasa education system to such a state during its rule that madrasas were meant as the manufacturing units of militants. The present government has taken out the madrasa education system from that conception and now the madrasas are no longer meant as the manufacturing unit of militants."

Stating that many Alems and Ulemas of the country had taken part in the war of liberation and all the people had not opposed the war of liberation, the minister said, "Nobody has got the authority to pardon the Al-badrs and Rajakaras (collaborators of the Pakistani occupation forces) including their leaders Golam Azam, Nizami and Muzahid for the scale of atrocities, repression, killings, rape, arson and looting unleashed by them during the war of liberation in 1971 till the victim families pardon them.

IBA clinch ‘Battle of Minds 2014’ award

DHAKA : Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of the Dhaka University has won the first prize in 'Battle of Minds-2014', reports UNB.

The annual competition is a prestigious event of British American Tobacco Bangladesh (BATB) in the recruitment of talented human resources in the industries. Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) became the first runner-up while Islamic University of Technology (IUT) bagged the second runner-up award. BATB chairman Golam Mainuddin, Industries secretary M Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, former Defense secretary Kamrul Hasan, former Liberation War Affairs secretary K.H. Masud Siddiqui and Managing Director of Investment Corporation of Bangladesh M Payekuzzaman and presented the certificates to winning teams in a programme at Hotel Radisson Blu on Monday night. BAT is hosting the event from 2004, and this year, on its 11th edition, a total of 2200 students from different universities across country took part in the competition through online application.

Chuadanga-6 Border Guard Battalion (BGB) on Tuesday dismantling 25,631 bottles phensidyl and 30kiligram hemp on the highways in front of town football field. Photo: Banglar Chokh

Rizvi calls media to learn lesson of self restraint

DHAKA : Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Professor Dr Gowher Rizvi today said the media has to learn the lesson of self-restraint and they have to control themselves, reports UNB.

"Journalist should not do anything beyond their professional ethics. Only making sensational reports will not do, they have to rely on information. Without the proper information, the report will become propaganda," he said

Dr Rizvi came up with the observations while addressing a discussion titled "Recent Aspect of Journalism in Bangladesh" and presenting prizes among the winners of Investigative Journalism Award-2014 organized by Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB).

Presided over by president of TIB trustee board and former adviser to the caretaker government Advocate Sultana Kamal and conducted by TIB executive director Dr Iftekharuzzaman, the function was addressed by head of news of Independent Television Khalid Mohiuddin, Prof Rubayet Ferdous of Dhaka University, special correspondent of Jamuna Television Alamgir Swapan, news editor of Bangla Vision Sharmin Rinvi, among others. "Democracy cannot sustain without the media. It's the media that can ensure the accountability of the government.

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Invitation for Tender (NOTM)

Tender Notice No. 04/2014-15

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible bidders as defined in the tender documents for the under mentioned works as per terms and conditions stated below :

Sl. No	Package No	Name of Works	Tender Security (Tk.)	Time for submission (days)	Price of tender documents (Tk.)
1	JAMUNA/SHARAT/14	Supply of Spare parts & Repairing of Ashmshir Road Kallar No. 81.2-81.8-10-003 under LGED, Khulna.	6,000/-	21	300/-

1. Source of Funds : GDB

2. Date, time and place of pre-tender : 18 December, 2014, 11:00 am and Office of the undersigned.

3. Last Date, time and places of selling tender documents : 23 December, 2014, 5:00 pm.
a) Office of the undersigned
b) Office of the Superintending Engineer, LGED, Khulna Region, Khulna.
c) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, District-Khulna.
d) Office of the Superintendent of Police, District- Khulna.
e) Office of the Executive Engineer (Mechanical), LGED, HTQ, Dhaka.

4. Last Date, time and places of receiving tender : 29 December, 2014, 5:00 pm
a) Office of the undersigned
b) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, District-Khulna.
c) Office of the Superintendent of Police, District-Khulna.

5. Date, time and places of opening of : 29 December, 2014, at 09:00 pm, a) office of the undersigned.

6. Tender shall be valid for a period of 60 days for the Tender opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified above. Unsealed tender or may obtain further information from the Office of the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in cash/treasury challan/Bank Draft from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorized representative are allowed to attend the opening tenders. The authority reserves right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.
This invitation for tender is also available on the website www.tandem.gov.bd

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Bangladesh Railway on Tuesday has introduced Diesel Electric Multiple Unit (DEMU) train service on Dhaka-Tongi-Dhaka route. Photo : Nasir Uddin Bulbul

Babla Bon mass grave in Rajshahi faces negligence for long

RAJSHAHI : Family members of several Liberation War martyrs have demanded steps for protection and proper maintenance of Babla Bon mass grave site in Rajshahi city so that people can pay homage to the great sons of the soil, who were buried there, reports BSS.

The Pakistani army with the help of their local collaborators picked up 17 people including intellectuals and politicians from their houses on the night of November 25 in 1971.

Their bodies were found after local people discovered the mass grave near Boalia Club in the city on December 30.

Bodies of the 17 martyrs including Prof Mir Abdul Quayyum of Rajshahi University, Nawrose-ud-Doula Khan, Taslim Uddin, Abul Hossain, Alauddin, Taiyab Ali, Mirja Sultan, Azizul Haque Chowdhury and Aminul Haque Chowdhury were dumped at the site.

"I can still remember the day well when I went to the grave site riding a bicycle in the morning of December 30, 1971. I could identify my father's body by seeing

the ring on his finger," said Asaf-ud-Doula Khan Gulzar, son of Nawrose-ud-Doula Khan who developed a transistor amplifier and supplied it to freedom fighters for use during the war.

Towfiqur Rahman Lavlu, nephew of martyred businessman Altaf Hossain, said he identified his uncle's body after seeing his sweater. Thirteen of the bodies were tied up with a rope. Family members of the martyrs and local people hold discussion in the city and gather at the gravesite on November 25 every year marking their abduction on this day in 1971. Talking to BSS, most of them demanded protection of the site and trial of war criminals, particularly who were involved in the barbaric killing.

Prof Dr Mahbuba Kanij Keya, daughter of Prof Mir Abdul Quayyum, said the frightening genocide committed by the Pakistani occupation forces with collaborators at different areas of the city in 1971 still reminds of heinous atrocities of the war criminals against humanity.

The nation has achieved its

independent 43 years back. But, relatives of martyrs still tremble while narrating the genocide and demand trial of the war criminals involved with the terrible genocide for peace of the departed souls, she added. She called for taking necessary measures for preservation of those for the future generation.

Dr Keya, a Professor of Psychology Department of Rajshahi University, said there are many other mass-graves in the city especially Upashahar and Tallaimari but unfortunately all those remained in uncared condition.

Apart from this, there is no genuine list of the martyred families in the city. For this reason, they aren't getting any financial support from the authorities concerned.

In this regard, Mezbah Uddin Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi, told BSS that there should be effective measures for protecting the site so that the young generation can avail the scopes of getting necessary information about the martyrs properly.

Rifle vanishes from Kashimpur Jail

NASIR UDDIN BULBUL, GAZIPUR CORRESPONDENT

A Chinese rifle went missing from Kashimpur High Security Jail in Gazipur on Monday. The jail authorities during an inventory detected that the rifle had vanished.

Jail authority filed a General Diary with Joydebpur Police Station on Monday noon in this connection. They also formed three members probe committee. The committee will submit the report on December 15.

Jail authority said they aren't sure whether the gun was mistakenly left anywhere or missing from Jail.

Superintendent Mizanur Rahman said, "As Superintendent I officially informed the matter to the IGP Prison Brigadier General Syed Iftikhar Uddin. Superintendent is reviewing reports on the incident to consider possible discipline.

Terrorist killed, 3 cops injured in Laxmipur 'gunfight'

MASJUDUR RAHMAN KHAN, LAXMIPUR CORRESPONDENT

A terrorist was killed and three police were injured in a 'gunfight' between 'Zishan Bahini' and police in Latifpur village under Sadar upazila on Monday night.

The deceased was identified as M Roni, 30, chief body guard of the ringleader. Police also recovered a revolver and 12 rounds bullets from Roni.

Officer-in-Charge of Chandraganj Thana Humayun Kabir said that, acting on a tip-off, police conducted a drive to detain Laxmipur's top terror Zishan. Police opened fire as the terrorists opened fire to police sensing their presence that left Roni bullet-wounded and three other cops injured.

Bumper production of T-Aman in Thakurgaon

THAKURGAON : The bumper production of T-aman (Transplanted Aman) paddy brought the smiling face of the farmers here during the current season, reports BSS.

The harvesting of T-aman is almost over, only some late varieties are left in the field. At the moment farmers are busy to harvest the late varieties.

In the village markets abundant paddy is now available. A paddy trader of Khochabari hat under Sadar upazila Bachchu Miah said a maund (40 kg) of coarse varieties are selling at Taka 600 to 650, the medium varieties are selling at Tk 700 to 750 and the fine aromatic varieties are selling at Tk 1,000 to 12,00 per maund.

Regarding price the farmers are happy but in some areas the attack of pest specially Brown plant hopper (commonly known as current poka) damaged paddy fields of some farmers. Besides this a disease called Bacterial leaf blight also attacked some paddy fields.

Farmer Jainal Abedin of Dakshin Batina (Baman para) village under the same upazila said his one acre of

paddy was partially damaged by the attack of Bacterial leaf blight.

He had treated his paddy with different pesticides as suggested by the deputy assistant agriculture officer.

But the disease could not be controlled. He further said that he would get only one fourth of the expected production. Another farmer of Dakshin Batin (Birpara) village Abdul Gaffar said that his 0.50 decimals paddy field was attacked by Brown plant hopper and he might get only one fourth of the expected production.

Deputy Assistant Agriculture Officer of DAE Didarul Islam said the officials of the Department visited the pest attacked paddy fields and suggested the farmers to spray particular pesticide.

But the farmers used different types of pesticides taking suggestions from the pesticide traders of the village markets. He said that the attack of Brown plant hopper spreads like wild fire and the precaution should be taken in the early stage of attack.

This pest generally attack the low lands where water remains stagnant throughout

the season. Moreover, the pest Brown plant hopper likes shady place and remains on the ground just at the base of the paddy plant.

So, the pesticides spray by the farmers cannot reach on the pests. To control such pests line sowing is a must. Only in the line sowing paddy fields the pests can be controlled. As the line sowing needs more labour cost, the farmers generally avoid it.

He further suggested that bacterial leaf blight is a seed-borne disease. So, the farmers should not use same seed every year. The seed and variety should be changed each year.

DAE sources said a total of 1,20,995 hectares of land have been brought under the cultivation but the farmers surpassed the target and planted 1,28,435 hectares of land.

This year the production target was 3,28,387 tonnes but the total yield was 3,86,973 tonnes.

The Deputy Director of DAE Bhupesh Kumar Mondol said the production of T-aman was increased in the district as the farmers could easily procure seed, fertilizer and pesticides.



Vice Chancellor of Khulna University Professor Dr. Mohammad Fayek Uzzaman greeted Dr Anisuzzaman, professor emeritus of Dhaka University with bouquets of flowers on Tuesday. Photo : Titash Chakraborty



Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury spoke as the chief guest at a reception ceremony arranged for the freshers of Pirganj Mohila Degree College in Pirganj upazila town on Tuesday. Photo : Saifuddin Ahmed

Reception ceremony at Pirganj Mohila Degree College held

Saifuddin Ahmed, Rangpur Correspondent

A reception ceremony arranged for the freshers of Pirganj Mohila Degree College was held in Pirganj upazila town on Tuesday.

Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury was present and spoke at the ceremony as the special guest. She stressed the need for involvement of women more and more in the information and communication technology (ICT) in building a science and knowledge based society. She put emphasis on enhancing opportunities for science and technology oriented education to women, who have been contributing to every sphere of socio-economic, political and policy making activities.

Member of the Parliament (MP) from Rangpur-2 Abul Kalam Ahsanul Haque Deuk Chowdhury attend the ceremony as the special guest with Principal of the college Mostafizur Rahman in the chair.

Former MP from Pirganj constituency Abul Kalam Azad, Pirganj upazila Awami League (AL) President Motaharul Haque Bablu, its General Secretary Tanzibul Islam Shameem, senior AL leader Mokarram Hossain Jahangir Chowdhury addressed the reception. Deputy Commissioner Farid Ahammad, Police Super Abdur Razzaque, Pirganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer ATM Ziaul Islam, Assistant Professor Alamgir Hossain Saiful and some brilliant students also spoke on the occasion.

Mymensingh liberated today

MYMENSINGH : December 10 is a historic day for the people of Mymensingh as they were liberated on this day from the occupation Pakistani forces, reports BSS.

Immediately after the crackdown in 1971, members of Pakistan army made several futile attempts to enter the district town by trains from Dhaka. Failing miserably in their attempts, they tried river routes to take control of the district town, a middle point of Mymensingh region.

At last they attempted to reach the district town through Madhupur of Tangail district.

On April 17, a fierce battle was fought between occupation Pakistani forces and the freedom fighters at Kalihati in Tangail. The battle continued for five days without break. It was the first battle between the freedom fighters and the Pakistani soldiers in this region.

Two held with huge smuggled goods in Joypurhat

JOYPURHAT : Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized huge smuggled Indian goods worth about Taka one crore from different areas of the district during last 24 hours ending 9 am yesterday, reports BSS.

The BGB men during their anti-smuggling drive also held two smugglers named Sayem, 38 and Mohammad Ali, 28, under Sadar upazila here. According to a press release issued by assistant director of Joypurhat Battalion of BGB Abu Sayeed Mridha seized goods include phensidyl, wine, tablets and clothes.

"The arrested smugglers were handed over to Joypurhat sadar thana and the goods to Hilly customs office," the release added.

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Social movement against corruption stressed

RANGPUR : Speakers at a discussion here yesterday stressed on launching vigorous social movement involving the people from all walks of life specially the young regenerations in preventing corruption, reports BSS.

Corruption Prevention Committee (DCPC) organised the discussion at the Town Hall auditorium in observance of the International Anti Corruption Day- 2014 with assistance of

the District combined Office of the Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) and RDRS Bangladesh.

RDRS Bangladesh extended cooperation to the ACC under the Justice Reform and Corruption Prevention (JRCP) Project being implemented by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs with assistance of German Development Cooperation (GTZ).


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Deforestation and law enforcement

The official figure of lands under forest in Bangladesh is about 8 per cent though unofficially even the same is doubted. This is a poor figure considering the needs of environmental safety. Environmentalists may come up with all kinds of explanation for the worsening of conditions in this sphere such as the burgeoning population of the country creating pressures on limited trees and vegetation. But the fact is that the deforestation has a lot to do also with law enforcement the lack of which now allows the cutting down of trees from even reserved forest areas in a carefree manner.

A media focus sometime ago showed how rows and rows of trees on both sides of the Teknaf road were cut down by gangs. These trees were planted by governmental authorities and meant to be preserved. But is there anyone to be held accountable for their present cut down existence ? It seems not. Similar reckless cutting down of trees which were considered as public resources were reported frequently in different part of the country after this government came to power. But nobody was heard as arrested or punitive actions taken in response to the same. Thus, one such act of robbing trees is encouraging another.

If government really means business, then it must stop such wanton cutting down of trees. The cutting down of privately owned trees can be responded by nothing more than publicities and moral persuasion. But it is duly expected from the government to protect absolutely the trees or forest resources directly under its control. There cannot be absolutely no scope for admitting any kind of slack in this vital area of concern for the country's environment.

Successful governments have been encouraging and materially promoting tree plantation. But there is much worry about the ultimate gains to accrue from afforestation measures in the absence of hard policies to put a hard brake on deforestation activities as well; the rate of deforestation is significantly higher than the rate of afforestation. The factors which are contributing the most to such deforestation will have to be addressed by various policy measures and their enforcement by the government. The same may include policies to encourage wood substitutes, stopping the burning of wood in brick kilns, etc. But meanwhile, the hardest of law enforcement activities are expected against the cutting down of publicly owned trees.

Introspection everyone?
Babar Sattar

IS it enough to feel pangs of shame for the manner in which we treat the vulnerable in our society or heap scorn on the rulers to absolve ourselves? The blind being beaten up by the Punjab police while demanding their due is a new low one must admit. The visuals might have made us angry. But are we surprised? Do we not expect our state (and society) to maul those who are weak or struck by misfortune, whether it is minorities, women or the poor?

Our society seems afflicted by a combination of sadism and apathy. Do psychiatrists have a term for this condition? Power is of interest because it can be abused. (Even family and friends deride those who stumble upon power but don't flaunt it.) And those on the receiving end are infected by apathy and tolerance for the abuse.

The argument isn't that we are a rotten lot and should just live with it, but that we need structured institutional reform and behavioural change. Punjab police malfunctions when investigating crime and terror, when performing watch and ward duties, and when responsible for crowd control. It is an equal opportunity offender for it suffers from a training and human resource crisis like all other institutions - a state of affairs that we refuse to acknowledge or address.

Isn't the Shahbaz Sharif model of governance in Punjab very similar to what Imran Khan is promising in Naya Pakistan: a strongman at the top and everything falling in place under him intuitively? Sharif would probably not have called the police to have the blind roughed up for kicks. But he has been Punjab's chief executive for seven years now. The buck must stop with him in this case, just as in the case of the Model Town massacre.

But isn't Sharif the best performing chief minister amongst all chief ministers, according to public surveys? He too is omnipresent: wading through floodwaters; running hands-on anti-dengue campaigns; building Metros and bridges; pledging to drag the corrupt through dirt etc. Why is none of this pushing us forward? Could it be because the strongman-magically-fixing-all-ills-afflicting-us might be an ineffective model for sustainable change?

PML-N seems to have learnt nothing from the past few months of public furore. When the chips are down it promises the moon and the stars: deep introspection, self-accountability, new plans, merit-based leadership etc. As soon as it gets a bit comfortable in the saddle, it is business as usual. But can PML-N be accused of inconsistency? It approaches Imran Khan's deadlines just as it approaches issues of governance: with an ad hoc firefighting mindset.

What PML-N seems to be missing is the larger picture, like PPP before it. PPP has been reduced to a regional party because when in power it refused to see that it was about to be routed from Punjab. Likewise, obsessed with Khan's deadlines and winning small battles, PML-N today seems unable to see that Khan's biggest victory is that he has succeeded in dividing the loyalty of Punjab's institutional elites as well as middle class, previously in PML-N's corner.

Today, the votes of khakis and khaki families are pledged to Imran Khan. The bureaucracy, dominated by Punjabis, stands divided. The in-the-money expats are committed to PTI. The professional middle class, with its disdain for uncouth politicians and fetish for strongmen, seems to have swerved toward Khan. The jury is out on the traders. But if the energy crisis stays, who knows what they'll decide. In playing an all-or-nothing game with PTI, PML-N appears more and more a party of the past and present but not of the future, just as today's PPP.

So is Khan's rise the best thing for progressive change in Pakistan? At least five aspects of his behaviour and policies give even his well-wishers the jitters.

One, the flawed policy on terror. Khan recently volunteered that had he been prime minister, he wouldn't have allowed the army into Fata. Imagine that nightmare! This has come in the midst of a successful military operation in North Waziristan that has unearthed a grand infrastructure of terror assembled there (torture chambers, suicide bomber/IED factories, terror economy etc.) and at a time when the army finally seems willing to extinguish non-state actors.

Source : Dawn
The writer is a lawyer.

Cities can fight climate change

MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

Most businesses are in cities and most cities are on coastal waters, so both have the incentives to mitigate global warming

Representatives from every national government are meeting this week to work towards a global climate agreement and the location of the conference - Lima, Peru - offers critically important lessons for negotiators.

In the debate over how to address climate change, there is a glaring gap between the levels of carbon reductions the world must achieve to avert the worst consequences of global warming and the levels of reductions that national governments have been willing to make thus far. Bridging that gap will require cities and businesses - the chief drivers of carbon emissions - to play a leading role and Lima's experience points the way forward.

Lima recently secured an enhanced credit rating with the help of technical assistance from the World Bank and other agencies. That may not sound like a major advance, but consider this: Without the credit rating, borrowing to invest in mass transit was too expensive for Lima's government. With the credit rating, the city raised \$130 million (Dh478.14 million) to upgrade its bus rapid transit system. That will significantly reduce carbon pollution

from one of the most extensive transportation systems in the world, while also helping to reduce traffic congestion, which saves companies money and improves productivity.

Investing in modern, low-carbon infrastructure is one of the best ways to reduce emissions while also spurring economic growth. Such investments hold enormous benefits for urban residents and businesses, but local governments are often unable to make them because they lack access to the credit markets.

The World Bank estimates that only 4 per cent of the 500 largest cities in developing countries have internationally recognised credit ratings and only 20 per cent have a domestic rating, leaving them with little ability to finance infrastructure improvements. Lima is one of the few cities in the region to obtain an enhanced credit status, but there are hundreds of cities all over the world that would benefit from this same step.

Providing cities with access to capital markets is unusually cost-effective. The \$130 million that Lima raised was possible because the World Bank spent \$750,000 providing the necessary technical assistance. In the field of global development, where resources are scarce, enhancing credit ratings offers attractive opportunities for countries and aid organisations alike.

Lima should be just the beginning. In the developing world alone, cities have about \$700 billion in annual demand for sustainable infrastructure projects - such as transportation, energy, waste treatment and water supply. Providing them with access to credit could become one of the most effective ways to fight climate change, drive economic growth and - by reducing pollution - improve public health. About 70 per cent of carbon emissions come from cities and a recent report found that if the world's cities took bold yet achievable actions to reduce their emissions, the collective impact would be equal to halving global coal use over the next 40 years. With greater access to credit, those reductions would be far steeper.

Negotiators at the Lima conference should ensure that access to credit is squarely on the agenda. If more national governments empower cities to participate in capital markets, they will strengthen their economic engines while increasing their ability to set and achieve ambitious carbon reduction targets. There are few steps that offer such potential for progress at so low a cost. There are also steps nations can take to unleash private sector investment in modern, low-carbon infrastructure - and they need not involve subsidies. In

much of the world, renewable energy sources are already more affordable than fossil fuels, a trend that is likely to continue as technology advances and production costs fall.

Consider Peru's southern neighbour, Chile. It is home to several solar companies that are building more than a gigawatt of new energy generation projects, which power cities and major industries, including the country's large copper mines. Solar - long considered a niche energy source - will form the backbone of the nation's low-carbon power grid. This development was occurring before Chile enacted a modest carbon tax this year, which will spur even greater investment in renewable energy.

The changing market for renewables is creating opportunities for other nations to follow a similar path. A recent study by Bloomberg New Energy Finance found that Turkey could build a national clean energy market for roughly the same cost as its planned fleet of conventional coal plants, but with the added benefits of cleaner air, an improved balance of trade, more manufacturing jobs and lower carbon emissions. The same is true for so many countries around the world.

Source :Washington Post

Russia's links with Europe's right all too apparent

LUKE HARDING

Kremlin did not invent Europe's far-right parties, but Moscow is now supporting them, thereby boosting European neo-fascism. It sounds like a chapter from a cheesy spy novel: Former KGB agent, chucked out of Britain in the 1980s, lends a large sum of money to a far-right European party. His goal? To undermine the European Union and consolidate ties between Moscow and the future possible leader of pro-Kremlin France. In fact, this is exactly what has just happened. In Paris, the Front National (FN) confirmed last week that it had taken a whopping 9.4 million euros (Dh42.63 million) loan from the First Czech Russian bank in Moscow. The FN's founder, Jean-Marie Le Pen, meanwhile borrowed a further two million euros from a murky Cyprus-based company, Veronisa Holdings, owned by a flamboyant character and Cold War operative called Yuri Kudimov.

Kudimov is a former KGB agent-turned banker with close links to the Kremlin and the network of big money around it. Back in 1985, Kudimov was based in London. His cover story was that he was a journalist working for a Soviet newspaper. In 1985, the Thatcher government expelled him for alleged spying. (During the same

period, Vladimir Putin was a KGB officer in Dresden.) The Russian loan is logical enough. The FN's leader, Le Pen, makes no secret of her admiration for Putin; her party has links to senior Kremlin figures, including Dmitry Rogozin, now Russia's Deputy Prime Minister, who, in 2005, ran an anti-immigrant campaign under the slogan 'Clean Up Moscow's Trash'.

Le Pen defended her decision to take the Kremlin money, complaining that she had been refused her access to capital: "What is scandalous here is that the French banks are not lending." She also denied reports by the news website Mediapart, which broke the story, that the 9.4 million euro was merely the first instalment of a bigger 40 million euro loan. The Russian money will fuel Le Pen's run for the French presidency in two years' time. Nobody expects her to win, but the FN topped the polls in May's European elections, winning an unprecedented 25 per cent of the vote; Le Pen's 25 new MEPs already form a pro-Russian bloc inside the European parliament. In part, the Kremlin's loan can be understood as an act of minor and demonstrative revenge. It follows French President Francois Hollande's decision to postpone the delivery to Moscow of the first of two Mistral

helicopter carriers, in a deal worth 1.2 billion euros. His U-turn follows considerable western pressure, in the wake of Russia's annexation of Crimea and its ongoing covert invasion of eastern Ukraine.

But there is also a more profound and sinister aspect to the Kremlin's cheque. Since at least 2009, Russia has actively cultivated links with the far right in eastern Europe. It has established ties with Hungary's Jobbik, Slovakia's far-right People's Party and Bulgaria's nationalist, anti-EU Attack movement. Here, political elites have become increasingly sympathetic to pro-Putin views

According to Political Capital, a Budapest-based research institute that first observed this trend, the Kremlin has recently been wooing the far-right in western Europe as well. In a report in March, it argued that Russian influence in the affairs of the far right is now a "phenomenon seen all over Europe". Moscow's goal is to promote its economic and political interests - and in particular to ensure the EU remains heavily dependent on Russian gas. In Soviet times, the KGB used "active measures" to sponsor front organisations in the West, including pro-Moscow Communist parties.

The Kremlin did not invent Europe's

China is passé, learn from Nepal

JAWED NAQVI

ISLAMIC tradition advises Islam's followers to travel to China to seek knowledge. India's Hindus, particularly the ones combating the Hindutva juggernaut that seeks to turn the country into a theocratic state, need not go that far. They could arm themselves for the fight by simply taking a leaf from Nepal.

For the record, Nepal is a former Hindu kingdom, the globe's only such, which recently became a secular democratic state. The journey took years of struggle in which blood was unfortunately shed on both sides. Nepal's monarchs, who had claimed divinity as avatars of Lord Vishnu, have been firmly relegated to the dustbin of history, hopefully for all time to come.

So this is the given equation, an impoverished and landlocked Hindu kingdom pulls a rabbit out of the hat to become secular and democratic nation as a proud sovereign member in the comity of nations.

On the other hand, a secular democratic state created primarily by the Hindus of India, including Gandhi, is hurtling towards a theocratic order. The Nepal example could be useful for those liberal and leftist Indians that you may have been meeting over the past month in seminars and group discussions. The meetings usually aim to appreciate and applaud the scientific spirit that Jawaharlal Nehru strove to breathe into India's moribund social arteries.

Nepal has shown, however, that Nehruvian dreams, though essential in many ways for India's tryst with modernity, cannot be realised in seminar rooms alone. The once robust mass struggles against exploitation,

inequality, superstition and institutionalised prejudice have either run aground or have been handed over to NGOs. India's opposition has had more than six months to recover from its debilitating defeat at the hands of a right-wing upsurge it did not anticipate. It doesn't have much more time to act.

There is no dearth of issues, primarily economic plunder of natural resources, that seek its urgent attention. These could become the opposition's vehicle to revitalise democratic institutions at risk. Dozens of women died recently in Chhattisgarh, which is ruled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's party, during what should have been routine sterilisation operations. An unacceptable number of old men and women were left blinded the other day in Punjab when their cataract operations went horribly wrong.

Another working woman was brutally raped in Delhi at the weekend, reviving memories of the horrific incident in a bus during Congress rule. All these are fresh events that took place in regions that are ruled directly or indirectly by the prime minister's party. Discussing Nehru is necessary, particularly when Hindutva is challenging his legacy, but a more effective challenge can be thrown to his critics by organising for what promises to be a long and bitter struggle.

Organising for any battle needs an assessment of the adversary and perhaps an even greater grasp of one's own strengths as well as weaknesses. There are easy conclusions and their counter-arguments that India is headed for a religion-led fascist state. Two models seem to fit or perhaps inspire

Hindutva in the latter direction. In the way it seeks to penetrate and overwhelm state institutions as strategy it bears a canny resemblance to Gen Ziaul Haq's fervent moves to Islamise Pakistan.

The right-wing religious Jamaat-i-Islami's innate propensity for street violence coupled with its cadre-based discipline is reflected also in the various structural organs of Hindutva. Like the Jamaat, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) mainly targets the country's liberal identity, chiefly the Hindus be they communists or caste-based resistance leaders in places such as Uttar Pradesh or Bihar. Targeting religious minorities is a strategy at best, not the objective of this mission.

Another feature from the Zia era that underscores the likeness with the current political climate in India is the fact that Pakistan registered what was perhaps its highest economic growth during the first half of the military dictatorship that toppled the Bhutto government. As India's respected economist Prof Prabhat Patnaik said during a lecture on Nehru's centralised planning model last week, any emphasis on growth that doesn't do due diligence for poverty alleviation is essentially fascist in character. The Indian obsession with growth has smacked of this tendency.

A second Hindutva model for India that comes to mind is a mishmash of Iran and Nepal. The endeavour is to strengthen the clergy à la Iran by chipping away at or the sudden dismantling of the state's inbuilt secular foundations. Consolidation of this impulse could come with an authoritarian whip hand in the manner of the erstwhile monarchy in Nepal, which the RSS admired and supported.

Mr Modi has been wearing his religious zeal on his kurta, presenting copies of Hindu scriptures to every foreign leader he befriends. His foreign minister, Sushma Swaraj, not hitherto known to be of a publicly religious deportment, seems to have fallen in line. She reportedly said in Delhi on Sunday the Bhagwad Gita should be made a national scripture. The opposition as always is being tested and so far only Mamata Banerjee has come out to openly slam the resolve.

A truly resounding snub to Mr Modi's missionary zeal reportedly came from Nepal though. According to reports out of Kathmandu, Mr Modi cancelled a planned visit to the Ramjanaki temple in Nepal after a group of 22 Nepali parties officially protested. They opposed Mr Modi's plans for religious propaganda.

Indeed, according to Nepali reports, a special procession from the Indian temple in Ayodhya had arrived overnight to celebrate the promised speech.

Noting that Mr Modi was the leader of a clearly Hindu party, Maoist leader Ramchandra Jha, who led the protest, was sanguine. "We asked the governments of Nepal and India to cancel this meeting and proposed that Modi speak at another, secular venue. We fought for years to have a secular federal republic." Indian liberals should applaud Mr Jha for speaking up.

Source : Dawn
The writer is Dawn's correspondent in Delhi.

What will Malala's Nobel Peace Prize mean for girls' education?

When Malala Yousafzai found out last Friday that she'd won the Nobel Peace Prize, along with Indian activist Kailash Satyarthi, the 17-year-old Pakistani girl didn't celebrate immediately. Instead she returned to a chemistry class at her high school in Birmingham, England.

It was a fitting reaction by someone who's risked her life for the right to be educated.

At the age of 11, Yousafzai, the daughter of a school principal, became a blogger for the BBC and documented the growing influence of the Taliban, who wanted to ban girls' education and were blowing up schools and closing others down in her home of Swat, in northern Pakistan.

In October 2012, a Taliban gunman stormed her school bus and shot her in the head as she sat with her friends - targeting her for her outspoken advocacy of girls' education.

Yousafzai survived, made an astonishing recovery and settled with her family in England after receiving medical treatment there. She published a memoir, *I Am Malala*, and started the Malala Fund, which supports girls' education around the world. She marked her 16th birthday with a speech at the United Nations. And she has continued to attend school.

The Nobel Prize, she joked on Friday, is "not going to help in exams." Then she said: "I want to see every child going to school. There are still 57 million children who have not received education."

Malala Yousafzai Continues To Push For Equality And Justice July



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What needs to be done to reach those unschooled children? Goats

and Soda spoke with Jacqueline Bhabha, a professor at the Harvard School of Public Health and director

of research at the university's FXB Center for Health and Human Rights who specializes in children's rights.

Where are we in the effort to educate the world's children? Thanks to the U.N. Millennium

Development Goals and their emphasis on young children's rights, there's been a lot of progress around access to primary education for young children from 6 to 12. The global picture is quite encouraging.

But though there have been big strides in access, there are many questions about quality.

The extent of regular attendance to school is still contested. Also, there is evidence coming out of South Asia, among other places, that just being in school doesn't deliver literacy, numeracy and the ability to think critically.

Secondly, there is real concern, and I think Malala's case pinpoints this problem, about secondary education.

Primary education in this day and age is not adequate. In the global economy, you need much more. You don't just need literacy and numeracy. The emphasis on secondary education has been quite lacking.

In India, for example, access to secondary education is grossly maldistributed. Less than 20 percent of rural girls in India make it to secondary school, and only 6 percent move on to college. Both [secondary school and college] are increasingly critical to get jobs in this skill-based global economy.

There are huge differences dictated by where you live, your caste and your gender. The picture in India is replicated for sure in Pakistan and much of sub-Saharan Africa.

It's quite clear that secondary education remains a huge black spot in terms of social and economic rights advances.

Need for creating considerable public awareness on safe food stressed

RAJSHAHI : Creating considerable public awareness on safe and nutritious food is very vital side by side with their food security for ensuring a sound public health, development activists at a discussion said here yesterday, report BSS.

Speakers advocated this while addressing a daylong divisional seminar titled "Established Food Safety Culture in Bangladesh" held at Ashrai Training Center in the district yesterday. Bangladesh Food Safety Network (BFSN) and SHISUK jointly organized the event in association with FAO Food Safety Programme.

Commissioner of Rajshahi division Helaluddin Ahmed and Deputy Commissioner Mejbah Uddin Chowdhury addressed the inaugural session as chief and special guests respectively with Mohidul Haque, Member of BFSN, in the chair.

Divisional Director of Health Dr Hedayetul Islam, Deputy Director of Fisheries Saidur Rahman and Deputy Director of Animal Resources Mohir Uddin also spoke.

The Chief Guest mentioned that the adulterated and contaminated foods always pose serious threat to the public health and called for



taking punitive measures against the food adulterators and contaminants so that none more dare to commit such type of crimes.

To that end, he underlined the need for intensifying the monitoring and surveillance activities by the authorities concerned including Rajshahi City Corporation and Pourasavas.

Deputy Commissioner Mejbah Uddin said the existing acts and the law enforcers alone would never be able to salvage the situation unless people from all walks of life became adequately aware about the harms

of taking adulterated foods and took firm stand against such immoral mindset. 'We need the people to come forward to stop these harmful practices,' he added.

In his presentation, Dr John Ryder, Chief Technical Adviser of Food Safety Programme, elaborated on the concepts underlying outcome mapping as an element of outcome monitoring.

He stressed on the importance of assessing outcome and impact of the Food Safety Programme as it would provide evidence of the utility of such interventions

particularly to donors and development agencies.

John Ryder said that the Bangladesh's Food Safety Act-2013, once implemented could become a model for many countries across the globe. He described FAO's systems-based to approach toward strengthening food safety in Bangladesh across the food chain from producer to consumer.

In his remarks, Prof. Shah Monir Hossain, Consultant of FAO, spoke of the gaps and overlaps in food control system in Bangladesh and how these would be overcome by implementation of the Act.

Taking part in the open discussion, the participants put forward a set of recommendations which included strong and regular monitoring of eateries, strong monitoring to prevent mixing formalin in milk and ban on preparing foods meant for selling under open sky and on the roadside.

Around 70 participants representing the Government, farmers' organizations, consumer groups, academic institutions, food producers and sellers, lawyers, Upazila and district administration, religious leaders and students attended the event.



A dialogue cum workshop organized by Street Children Activists Network (SCAN) at Dhanmondi recently.

13th ASCoN Confererence hosted by CRP at BRAC CDM, Savar from 27th to 29th November

13th Asian Spinal Cord Network (ASCoN) international

conference, held for the 3rd time in Bangladesh from 27th to 29th November 2014 at BRAC CDM, Khagan, Savar, Dhaka. CRP hosted the Conference this year. The theme of this conference was "Living life to the full".

Health and Family Welfare minister Mohammed Nasim MP Minister was the chief guest of the inauguration session whereas Prof. Jean Jacques Wyndaele (ISCoS President, Urologist-University of Antwerp, Belgium), Ms. Christine Cipolla (Head of Delegation, ICRC), Prof. Dr. Deen Mohd. Noorul Huq (Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Family Welfare) and Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, Honorable Member of Parliament, Dhaka-19 were special guests on that occasion.

The conference has shared recent development of the rehabilitation aspects for the Spinal cord injury patients through scientific paper presentations, poster



presentations, workshops, sports, cultural program and fair.

Overview of comprehensive Spinal cord injury (SCI) management, SCI epidemiology and system of care, community inclusion and follow-up, fertility and sexuality, sports, active rehabilitation and recreation, quality of life and employment of SCI people were the key issues addressed by the conference. Moreover three different types of sports events for the spinal cord injury patients have added the beauty of the conference. Tri nation wheelchair basketball tournament was the most

exciting event where Bangladesh team has become champion. Nepal and Indian wheelchair basketball team also participated in the tournament. There was a charming cultural program held at the end of the ASCoN conference.

380 participants attended in the conference among them more than 80 international delegates participated from 15 different countries.

Overall the 13th ASCoN conference has conveyed a message that a spinal cord injury patient can enjoy full life if we can ensure successful rehabilitation

Habiganj Self-governed Union Parishad group committee formed

President Misbahul Bari Liton, secretary Habibur Rahman



With the vibrant initiative of Habiganj Self-governed Union Parishad group, a seminar was held in the district aiming to reshape the union parishad more accountable and efficient with a view to bringing the utmost progress of area.

Mass consent, decentralization of the government and power distribution were discussed elaborately in the seminar.

With the financial support of BRAC, Self-governed Union Parishad group Habiganj district and the Hunger Project Bangladesh jointly organized the program where district commissioner Dr. Mushfiq Hussein Chowdhury addressed the program as the chief guest.

Habiganj Self-governed Union Parishad group committee was formed with Chowdhury Misbahul Bari Liton as president and Habibur Rahman as secretary.

Quoting the constitution of Bangladesh, the speakers said, "Effective initiative must be taken to ensure the mass participation to elect the representatives at all the administrative sectors of the country".

"We brought out the national flag through a bloody war with British as well Pakistani militants; we need to be united again to have a smooth environment in all the development sectors, and all are only possible through self-governed local government", the speakers added.

Among others, the program was also addressed by Mawlana Tazul Islam, Illius Mia, Mamtaz Begom, Hunger project district coordinator, M. Ali Momin and the Hunger project manager Dilip Kumar Sarkar.



With a greater emphasis, DAM-MFP is financing to develop micro entrepreneurs to flourish the prospect in different part of the country. Prior to regional meeting at Jessore, Director Programme of DAM along with Head, DFED/MFP and Team Leader, Education visited couple of micro enterprises of DAM-MFP at Jessore Sadar on December 03-04, 2014. While their visit, it was revealed that small scale manufacturing enterprises, business of ICT products and services are growing faster at urban areas as effect of increased technology uses and rapid urbanization.



FAISALABAD: A view of the clash between supporters of the PTI and PML-N during a protest shut-down observed here on Monday on Imran Khan's call.

Activist’s death helps PTI enforce shutdown

FAISALABAD: Violent clashes between supporters of the ruling PML-N and the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf on Monday left a PTI worker dead. At least 12 activists and five policemen were injured, reports Dawn.

PTI Chairman Imran Khan called for a countrywide day of mourning on Tuesday.

While workers of the two parties were clashing with each other on the Novelty Bridge, four gun-toting men resorted to firing, allegedly killing 22-year-old Haq Nawaz.

The PTI activists claimed that he had been killed in shooting by a guard of the son-in-law of Punjab's former law minister Rana Sanaullah. But Sanaullah denied it and said the man, who was shown by TV channels shooting in a particular direction, had been identified. His identity would be made public on Tuesday, he added.

The former minister claimed that life in the city was normal till 10.30am, but the violence erupted after PTI workers tried to forcibly shut down markets.

The activists of rival parties beat each

other up with wooden and iron clubs and threw stones amid slogans against each other's leaderships.

Enraged PTI workers occupied Samundri Road, which leads to the out-house of Rana Sanaullah near Novelty Bridge, and pelted the building with stones. They also removed barbed wires erected by police.

Police baton-charged the PTI workers and pushed them back. Five policemen were injured by stones thrown by the PTI supporters who chanted slogans against PML-N leaders and sought action against the people responsible for the killing.

Two PTI women activists were man-handled by some people at the Clock Tower intersection, forcing them to flee. Police used water cannons to disperse the activists of both parties.

Faisalabad district remained in the grip of tension the whole day, keeping people indoors as Imran Khan had given a call for shutter-down and wheel jam strike.

The PTI workers blocked traffic at nine different points by putting tyres on

fire. Most vehicles stayed off roads and attendance in educational institutions was thin.

Eight bazaars of Clock Tower Kutchery, Rail, Kharkhana, Montgomery, Jhang, Bhawana, Aminpur and Chiniot remained closed where club-wielding activists of both parties kept taking rounds. Traders remained outside their shops to protect them. City police chief Sohail Habib Tajik said that a team, headed by the Iqbal Town SP, had been formed to arrest within 48 hours the people involved in the firing.

Samanabad police registered a case under Section 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act against more than 300 people, including Minister of State for Water and Power Abid Sher Ali, Rana Sanaullah, his son-in-law Ahmed Shehryar, MPA Tahir Jameel and DCO Noorul Ameen Mengal, on charges of killing the PTI worker. The case was registered on the complaint of Atta Mohammad, a brother of deceased Haq Nawaz. Ten people have been named while 300 are unidentified. No arrest was made till late in the night.

China rejects US stance on South China Sea

BEIJING : China on Tuesday denounced a US State Department document on the South China Sea, urging the US to abide by its commitment not to take sides on the South China Sea issue.

"The document ignores

basic facts and international legal principles," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei at a daily press briefing when asked to comment on the document, "Limits in the Seas - China: Maritime Claims in the

South China Sea", issued Friday.

"The United States has violated its commitment of not holding position and not taking sides in the South China Sea issue. Such a move is inconducive to the resolution

of the South China Sea disputes and the peace and stability of the South China Sea," Hong said.

China's sovereignty and rights in the South China Sea have been upheld by successive Chinese governments, Hong said. China has always been committed to resolving territorial disputes with the countries concerned through direct negotiation and friendly consultation on the basis of respecting history and international law, Hong said.

The city of Sansha, boasting a population of only 1,100 inhabitants, announced on 22 July that a municipal people's congress of 45 members had been elected and installed, igniting protests from nearly all of China's Pacific neighbors.



The 14th Chinese naval escort flotilla prepare to set sail at a port in Zhoushan, east China's Zhejiang Province.

AP

Historical Day

Japan becomes master of the Pacific and South China Sea

On this day, 4,000 Japanese troops land on the Philippine Islands, while Japanese aircraft sink the British warships Prince of Wales and Repulse. Guam, an American-controlled territory, was also seized. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill finally exclaims, "We have lost control of the sea."

The attack on Pearl Harbor was only one step in a larger plan to dominate the Pacific, which entailed knocking out first American, then British, naval opposition. Japanese bombing raids on Guam, Midway Island, and Wake Island followed the attack on the American fleet anchored at Pearl Harbor.

20 Australian jihadists killed in Syria, Iraq

SYDNEY: Australia on Tuesday accused Islamic militants of using foreign fighters as "cannon fodder" and "propaganda tools" as it revealed 20 nationals have now been killed in Syria and Iraq, reports AP.

More than 70 Australians are currently fighting in the two nations, the government has said, with several more deaths reported as coalition fighter planes pound Islamic State group positions.

"The government is aware of around 20 Australians who have died in the conflict in Syria and Iraq," Attorney General George Brandis told The Australian newspaper.

"This number has risen in recent weeks, with several Australians understood to have died in fighting against government forces, including in Kobane."

The Australian government had previously confirmed 15 deaths, with the tally climbing higher as fighting rages around the strategic Syrian town of Kobane.

The deaths have given rise to fresh warnings that foreigners are being exploited by Islamic State for what has become a public relations campaign aimed at driving recruitment.

Brandis accused the group of duping Western recruits into thinking they were "an important part" of a religious crusade when in fact they were bit players in a propaganda war.

"They are simply using them as frontline cannon fodder, suicide bombers and propaganda tools," he said. "Australian youths, and many young men and women from Western countries, are being lured by the falsehood of a noble battle against an oppressive enemy."

Assembly elections: Kashmir defies poll boycott call

KASHMIR : Defying a separatist call to boycott the polls, voters in Kashmir Tuesday queued up in large numbers at booths in the third round of the five-phase assembly elections, reports the Hindusthan time.

There were stray incidents of violence that failed to deter voters, with a quarter of votes being polled by afternoon across 16 constituencies.

The balloting took place four days after a string of terror attacks left 21 people, including eight soldiers, dead in Kashmir.

Voters trickled out in the morning at almost all the polling stations to elect representatives for the 16 assembly segments despite the freezing cold that

gripped Kashmir.

By afternoon, the state recorded an average voter turnout of 27 percent. In the initial morning hours, the voter turnout was 16 percent. The electorate includes 717,049 males, 650,476 females and 23 third-gender voters.

Long queues of enthusiastic voters in Kramshore village of Khansahib constituency in Badgam district completely ignored separatist calls to stay away from voting.

"I have come out to vote because the only thing that can now make any difference to our backward, neglected village is change. This is a chance we do not want to miss at any cost," Muhammad Shafi, 42, a voter at Kramshore polling

station, told IANS.

Over 13 lakh voters will get to decide the political fate of 138 candidates in the districts of Baramulla, Budgam and Pulwama at 1,781 polling stations.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Chowdhary Taj Mohiuddin, Ghulam Hassan Mir, Abdul Rahim Rather and Javaid Ahmad Dar are among the prominent candidates.

Moderate to brisk voting was also seen in Uri, Pattan, Sangrama and Gulmarg constituencies of Baramulla district while Sopore constituency witnessed very low turnout. In Beerwah constituency of Badgam district, from where Omar Abdullah is contesting, long voter queues were formed at booths.



Kashmiri voters queue at a polling station in Handwara, about 70 kms north of capital Srinagar.

The Hidushan Times

Taliban storm Kandahar police station; five killed

KABUL: Taliban fighters backed by a suicide bomber attacked a police headquarters in southern Afghanistan on Monday, killing five people as the insurgents step up attacks, reports PTI.

A policeman and four civilians died in the attack that started when a suicide bomber dressed in a police uniform detonated a car-load of explosives at the main gate of the compound in Kandahar's Maiwand district.

Four heavily armed gunmen then forced their way inside, government spokesman Sameem Khpalwak said. The fighting in Maiwand lasted for two hours, before security forces killed the attackers.

A Taliban spokesman in southern Afghanistan, Qadri Yusuf Ahmadi, claimed responsibility. This has been the bloodiest year since 2001 in

Afghanistan's 13-year-old war, with the Taliban engaging police and soldiers across the country. Dozens of Afghans die daily in the violence. Latif Mehsud, a close aide of former Pakistani Taliban chief Hakeemullah Mehsud, has been handed over to Pakistani authorities along with his two guards and a broker, sources said on Saturday night.

High placed official sources told Dawn.com that Latif Mehsud, the then number-two of Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) chief Hakimullah Mehsud, was arrested along with his guards and a tribesman, Shah Jehan on Pak-Afghan border by the Afghan National Army.

Latif was crossing the border allegedly to buy weapons at the time of the arrest. The militants were then snatched by the Nato troops from the Afghan National Army.



The image shows Afghan Taliban fighters.

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PM wishes Sonia Gandhi on birthday

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday greeted Congress president Sonia Gandhi on her birthday, wishing her a long and healthy life.

"Best wishes to Congress president Sonia Gandhi on her birthday. May Almighty bless her with a long & healthy life," Modi tweeted.

Sonia, who turned 68 today, has decided not to celebrate her birthday in view of terror and Naxal attacks in J&K and Chhattisgarh respectively.

Uber official questioned in India taxi rape case

NEW DELHI: Indian police are questioning an Uber executive about the company's claim it conducts comprehensive background checks after one of its New Delhi drivers was accused of rape, reports UNB.

New Delhi police official Brijendra Kumar Yadav said Tuesday there is a possibility of criminal charges if police find evidence the taxi-hailing app misrepresented the safety of its service. Yadav said Uber's drivers in India don't have the badges that are issued by police to taxi drivers proving they cleared background checks.

BEIJING: A wall at the side of a school basketball court collapsed during a game, killing five girls and injuring two others, local officials in eastern China said Tuesday, reports AP.

The incident happened Monday afternoon in a middle school in Huaibei city after the teams surrounded a player with a sprained ankle, according to the Anhui provincial work safety bureau. A wall at the side of the court then collapsed, burying some people under it.

Hong Kong democracy protest camp shutdown looms

HONG KONG: Hong Kong authorities and activists are set for one last showdown after a court authorized the removal of barricades and tents blocking the Asian financial hub's streets for more than two months, reports AP.

A High Court restraining order published Tuesday in newspapers requires obstructions be removed from the Admiralty district, site of the protesters' main camp.

'Chinese dream' search surges online

Internet search for the words "Chinese dream" has soared over the past two years since President Xi Jinping used the phrase to describe the "great renewal" of the Chinese nation, the Southern Metropolis Daily reported on Tuesday. The search index for "Chinese dream" on Baidu.com, the largest search engine in China, was only about 300 before Xi made his comment, on par with the search for the rarely used word "high-energy physics," the daily reported.

BJP strikes back, wants to discuss Saradha in Lok Sabha

NEW DELHI: In what could add a new chapter to the ongoing BJP versus Triamool Congress battle for political space in West Bengal, BJP MP from the state S S Ahluwalia on Monday has given notice for a discussion on the Saradha scam in the state and other chit fund scams across the country. The move is being seen as one meant to hit at Mamata Banerjee, with TMC party MPs having taken the lead in playing the role of a disruptive opposition in Parliament for the last two weeks. S S Ahluwalia, former Union minister and an MP from Darjeeling in Bengal, said he has given the notice to have the discussion under rule 193 which does not entail voting.

Halving of malaria deaths 'tremendous achievement'

Africa: Global efforts have halved the number of people dying from malaria - a tremendous achievement, the World Health Organization says, reports BBC.

It says between 2001 and 2013, 4.3 million deaths were averted, 3.9 million of which were children under the age of five in sub-Saharan Africa.

Each year, more people are being reached with life-saving malaria interventions, the WHO says.

In 2004, 3% of those at risk had access to mosquito nets, but now 50% do. There has been a scaling up of diagnostic testing, and more people now are able to receive medicines to treat the parasitic infection, which is spread by the bites of infected mosquitoes.

An increasing number of countries are moving towards malaria elimination. In 2013, two countries - Azerbaijan and Sri Lanka - reported zero indigenous cases for the first time, and 11 others (Argentina, Armenia, Egypt, Georgia, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Oman, Paraguay, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) succeeded in maintaining



Malaria in Africa: WHO Malaria report 2014

528,000 deaths from malaria in 2013
 54% drop in mortality since 2000
 "49% of at-risk people in sub-Saharan Africa have access to mosquito nets
 "70% of malaria patients could be treated but not all sick children are taken to a clinic
 "43% of pregnant women did not receive a single dose of preventative medicine.

zero cases.

In Africa, where 90% of all malaria deaths occur, infections have decreased significantly.

Here, the number of people infected has fallen by a quarter - from 173 million in 2000 to 128 million in 2013. This is despite a 43% increase in the African population living in malaria transmission areas.

WHO director general Dr Margaret Chan said: "These tremendous achievements are the result of improved tools, increased political commitment, the burgeoning of regional initiatives, and a major increase in international and domestic financing."

But she added: "We must not be complacent. Most malaria-endemic countries are still far from achieving universal coverage with life-saving malaria interventions."

Emerging drug- and insecticide-resistance continued to pose a major threat, and if left unaddressed, could trigger an upsurge in deaths, she warned.

Historical Day

The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in Stockholm

On this day in 1901, Sweden started Nobel Prizes. The first Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, in the fields of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace. The Nobel Prizes are funded by a fund created after the death of Alfred Nobel the Swedish inventor of dynamite and other high explosives. In his will, Nobel directed that the bulk of his vast fortune be placed in a fund in which the interest would be "annually distributed in the form of prizes to those who, during the preceding year, shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind."

South African prosecutor seeks appeal in Pistorius case

South Africa: A South African prosecutor on Tuesday argued in court for an appeal in the case against Oscar Pistorius, who was acquitted of murder for killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, reports AP.

Prosecutor Gerrie Nel outlined his objections to the culpable homicide verdict and sentence against the Olympic runner, saying Judge Thokozile Masipa erred in her interpretation of the law. In October, Masipa convicted Pistorius of the lesser charge of culpable homicide and sentenced him to a five-year prison term. He could be released from prison to go under house arrest after 10 months.

"There is a very good prospect that we may convince an appeal court that the shortest possible incarceration in a case like this, my lady, is shockingly inappropriate," Nel said, addressing Masipa in the same Pretoria courtroom where the murder trial was conducted.

The double-amputee athlete is serving his sentence in a Pretoria prison and was not in court. The two front rows of the public gallery were empty. Those seats had been occupied by family and friends of Pistorius and Steenkamp during the trial, which began in March.

Pistorius fatally shot Steenkamp in his home last year. He said he thought a dangerous intruder was in the house; prosecutors alleged he killed his girlfriend after an argument.

The basis of the prosecution's argument for an appeal is that the judge incorrectly interpreted a legal principle under which a person should be found guilty of murder if they foresaw the possibility of a person dying because of their actions and went ahead with those actions anyway.



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is shown to wave to the supporters.

Palestinians become observers at ICC meeting

United Nations: The Palestinians on Monday officially became observers at the summit meeting of the 122 countries that are members of the International Criminal Court, a move they say is a step toward joining the world's permanent war crimes tribunal, reports AP.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has threatened to seek membership in the ICC in order to press charges against Israel for alleged war crimes.

The Palestinian United Nations ambassador, Riyad Mansour, said his government is moving in that direction "but that's another step in that process," and the timing will be decided by Abbas.

"The Palestinians have been promising to join the court but have repeatedly delayed action," Balkees Jarrah, international justice counsel at Human Rights Watch, told AP. "We've been calling on them to join the court which could open up the prospect of justice for serious crimes by all sides."

The Palestinians' official acceptance as an observer at the two-week meeting came in a procedural move at the opening session of

the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute that established the ICC.

Tina Intelmann, the assembly's outgoing president, read a list of states that have not signed or ratified the statute that requested to participate as observers including Russia, China, India and the state of Palestine. With a bang of the gavel, all those on the list were approved by consensus.

William Pace, convener of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, which includes 2,500 civil society organizations in 150 countries, said "the significance is both the request and approval without objection," though he said there were no grounds to object.

That's because the U.N. General Assembly voted overwhelmingly in November 2012 to upgrade the Palestinians' status from a U.N. observer to a non-voting member state, which allows it to be an observer under the rules of the Assembly of States Parties and to ratify the Rome statute and to accept its jurisdiction, Pace said. Previously, the Palestinians could attend as an "entity" without those rights.

Climate talks divided on eve of ministers' arrival

LIMA: Negotiators battled it out Monday over draft text for a UN pact to curb global warming, on the eve of ministers and the UN chief arriving in Lima to shift the talks into higher gear, reports AFP/BSS.

With under five days of negotiating time left, parties remain deeply divided on key aspects of a deal they undertook to ink in Paris in December next year, and to implement from 2020.

The Lima talks have two main tasks: drafting a negotiating outline for the Paris deal and reaching agreement on the format for carbon-cutting pledges that nations are to submit from the first quarter of next year.

But negotiators do not see eye to eye on some basic questions.

Will there be differentiation in the responsibility assigned to rich and poor nations for curbing Earth-warming greenhouse gas emissions?

After last week's haggling, the co-chairs of the meeting released two synthesis documents Monday reflecting the wide variety of views.

These draft decision texts will form the basis for political negotiations, with dozens of ministers and UN chief Ban Ki-moon joining the dialogue Tuesday.

But several nations are not happy.

The text on national pledges, dubbed Intended Nationally Determined Contributions or INDCs, remains "the subject of a lot of disagreement," said United States envoy Todd Stern. The UN has set a target of curbing average global warming to two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-Industrial



al Revolution levels.

The goal must be met by deep cuts in soaring greenhouse gas emissions requiring a costly shift from cheap and abundant fossil fuels to less polluting energy sources. Developing countries want rich nations to bear bigger responsibility for the curbs, given their much longer history of pollution and superior technology and resources.

But developed nations point the finger at major developing emitters like China and India that rely heavily on fossil fuel to power their rapid growth.

Washington, among others, insists responsibility can no longer be classified in terms of the 1992 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, which divided the world into Annex 1

rich, and Annex 2 poor nations, and set emissions goals only for the first group.

"To say that you're going to frame the structure, the form and content of the agreement based on who was in which category in 1992 seems to us to be untenable as a manner of dealing with the substantive problem of climate change, and also untenable politically for developed countries," said Stern.

Earlier Monday, coal-reliant Australia's Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said: "Those countries that are emitting the most have the greatest responsibility in terms of the totality."

But Khalid Abuleif, negotiator for oil-producing giant Saudi Arabia, cautioned "there should not be winners and losers."

German court throws out Nazi massacre case

Berlin: A German court on Tuesday threw out the case of a former SS man accused of involvement in the largest civilian massacre in Nazi-occupied France, saying there was not enough evidence to bring the 89-year-old to trial, reports AP.

Cologne resident Werner C., whose last name has not been revealed in accordance with German privacy laws, was charged with murder and accessory to murder in connection with the 1944 slaughter in Oradour-sur-Glane in southwestern

France. Dortmund prosecutors had alleged that the suspect shot 25 men as part of a firing squad, and then helped as troops blockaded and set fire to a church, in which dozens of women and children were burned alive.

In total 642 men, women and children were killed.

Werner C. denied the charges, saying that he was at the village but never fired a shot and wasn't otherwise involved in the slaughter.

In its ruling, the Cologne state

court said no witness statements are able to disprove the suspect's contention, nor is there any reliable documentary evidence that he was part of the massacre.

"In a trial it could probably only be proved the suspect was in the area during the massacre in Oradour-sur-Glane as he has consistently maintained," the court said. "This mere presence is not enough to prove accessory to murder without the proof of other circumstances."

The court's ruling can be appealed



Serge Lazarevic (centre) and Philippe Verdon (R) were kidnapped in 2011. BBC

Spot Light News

Greek stocks hit as political uncertainty looms

Greece: Greek shares are diving a day after the conservative-led government brought forward the date of a crucial presidential vote, raising a strong possibility of early general elections in the austerity-weary country, reports AP. The Athens benchmark general index was down 6.4 percent in early trading Tuesday, reflecting fears of protracted political uncertainty as Greece struggles to complete a painful financial turnaround.

Ukraine attempts news cease-fire in the east

Ukraine: Ukraine's military authorities say they are suspending hostilities against Russian-backed separatists in the east in line with a truce declared last week, reports AP. Military spokesmen said Tuesday that they are acting in accord with a "day of silence" proposed by President Petro Poroshenko. The halting of hostilities marks a new effort at reviving a September cease-fire that has been violated daily. Authorities in Kiev say the truce could lay the foundation for longer-term peace.

Policeman killed in Bahrain 'terrorist' attack

DUBAI: One policeman was killed in a "terrorist" attack in a Shiite town in Bahrain, the interior ministry said Tuesday. The attack occurred Monday night in Damistan, southwest of Manama, while the officer was "doing his duty", the ministry said, adding that an investigation was under way. Bahrain has been rocked by a wave of violence since protests against the regime erupted in 2011.

Esa's Cryosat sees Arctic sea-ice volume bounce back

The bounce back in the extent of sea ice in the Arctic this summer was reflected also in the volume of ice. Data from Europe's Cryosat spacecraft suggests there were almost 9,000 cu km of ice at the end of this year's melt season. This is close to 50% more than in the corresponding period in 2012. It is a rare piece of good news for a region that has witnessed a rapid decline in both area cover and thickness in recent years. But scientists caution against reading too much into one year's "recovery".

British Ebola survivor calls Band Aid 'cringeworthy'

LONDON: The lyrics of the Band Aid 30 single to raise money for anti-Ebola charities are embarrassing and ignorant, the British nurse who survived the disease said on Tuesday. William Pooley travelled back to work in Sierra Leone to treat sufferers in an isolation unit, after surviving the disease himself. Pooley said the single is "definitely being talked about here among my colleagues."

Dutch adventurer reaches South Pole on tractor

CAPE TOWN: Dutch actress and adventurer Manon "Tractor Girl" Ossevoort arrived at the South Pole Tuesday after driving a tractor from Europe through Africa and across the frozen wastes of Antarctica. "It's quite emotional, I'm very happy," Ossevoort told AFP by satellite telephone shortly after arriving at the Pole and fulfilling a decade-long dream. "It feels quite magical really, to have made this happen and arrived here!" The ebullient new mother of a 10-month-old baby said the the 16-day.



Father, son shares screen

Entertainment Desk

For the very first time the audiences will get to see singer Kumar Biswajit and his son Nibir sharing the screen together for the film 'Sutpar Thikana'. Not just that the singer has also directed the songs and sang 2 songs himself.

In the film Nibir will be seen doing the character of a student of class six. Nibir has already completed shooting his part.



I look for strong female characters in films : Freida Pinto

Entertainment Desk

There is a recurring pattern in actress Freida Pinto's films and that is the presence of strong female characters. The Hollywood-based Indian actress says it's the first thing that she considers while choosing films.

Be it Slumdog Millionaire, Miral or her upcoming film Trishna - all the films have seen her playing such characters.

"A strong female character is the most important thing that I look for in my films. Hence the bottom line is that every character I play needs to have a strong undertone," Frieda told IANS in an interview.

"I'm not going to mention the film's name and I'm glad that most of the people didn't see it. In the film, I did a role where I could not feel the strength of my character and it showed in my performance. Since then, I haven't repeated that thing," she added.

Freida, who gained global recognition after Oscar-winning Slumdog Millionaire, minces no words to declare the hype around objectification of women in Bollywood a hypocrisy.

"I have a problem with women being objectified on-screen. But I feel it's also unfair that we only talk about women objectification as if it's perfectly okay for men to be objectified," said the actress while she was in Delhi to unveil the Girls Rising campaign in India.

"I feel there is a little bit of hypocrisy over there," Freida added.

She added that it's not entirely the filmmakers' fault as viewers should also understand that the artist is just playing a character on the screen.

"As filmmakers and artists, we should be responsible about the material we put out, but at the end of the day it's very important for the viewers to understand that we are acting.

"I am not a stripper from the video I just did, it is my character. I feel if people are going to be so narrow-minded about believing that the character is an extension of me, then it defeats the purpose of films," she said.

The actress feels the line between commercial and serious cinema is fading.

"I don't know what commercial films are in Bollywood because there are some art house films that I enjoyed and they became commercially viable," said the 30-year-old.

Moving beyond acting, the actress has ventured on to the other side of filmdom as a producer. The actress, who is at present producing two films, refrains from delving more into the projects.

"I am a kind of person who doesn't talk about any film until it's done. The same goes for the production ventures. I will not talk about the film I am producing till it's done. I am producing two films. I can promise you that the films have strong female characters," the actress said.

James Bond new film 'Spectre' starts filming

Entertainment Desk

The first picture from the set of new James Bond movie 'Spectre' has been unveiled.

M's porcelain dog from 'Skyfall' makes a reappearance in the photograph, which was taken on the first day of filming yesterday, reported Digital Spy.

Superstar Daniel Craig returns as the British Secret Service agent for the movie, while Naomie Harris, Ralph Fiennes, Ben Whishaw and Rory Kinnear will reprise their

roles from 'Skyfall'.

Christoph Waltz, Andrew Scott, Lea Seydoux, Monica Bellucci and David Bautista will also feature in the ensemble cast.

Last week, the first official poster for 'Spectre' was unveiled, featuring the iconic 007 logo. Meanwhile, director Sam Mendes has revealed that he already knows which artist will record the film's theme song. 'Spectre' will be released on November 6, 2015 in cinemas around the world.



Prosenjit fulfils goal of playing diverse roles in 'Lorai'

Bengali superstar Prosenjit Chatterjee said that fellow actor-director Parambrata Chattopadhyay's film 'Lorai' will help him fulfil his goal of playing diverse characters onscreen.

"With the role of a coach now under my belt, it will be difficult to find a character I hadn't portrayed so far," Prosenjit said at the trailer-launch of the movie. 'Lorai' tells the tale of a footballer who struggles to make a mark in the face of adverse circumstances. Prosenjit lauded Parambrata for making the film so authentic and said that this was possible because the director was a great sports lover himself.

Prosenjit Chatterjee stars in fellow actor-director

Parambrata Chattopadhyay's film 'Lorai' as a football coach. "We slogged for hours in the blistering heat of Purulia," Prosenjit noted. Parambrata on his part thanked the villagers of Chirugara, situated in the difficult terrains of Purulia district, for the month-long shoot.

Parambrata said, "'Lorai', which is a fictional account of the life story of a footballer from humble background, pays tribute to the grit and determination of sportspersons like Leo Messi, Diego Maradona, Didier Drogba to our very own stars like Samareesh Chowdhury and Sibdas Bhaduri."



'Prem korbo tomar shathe' released

Entertainment Desk

The first film of the onscreen pair Zayed Khan and Jakiya Bari Momo 'Prem Korbo Tomar Shathe' has been released recently. The film which also casts popular actor of the time Anisur Rahman Milon has been released on 5th December. Directed by Rakibul Alam Rakib, the film has already made a place in the Dhallywood top 3. The film is of a love triangle which also includes actors such as Shormili Ahmed, Misha Sawdagar, Kabila and Siba Sanu. The film has been produced by Shahin Kabir.



Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle collaborate after 30 years

Entertainment Desk


It's a reunion that the world has been waiting for. The Mangeshkar sisters Lata and Asha are all set collaborate for a song 30 years after they last sang for Utsav in 1984.

They will come together for Ae Hawa, a track Lata's label, LM Music is producing and Asha, along with Shaan, has sung for.

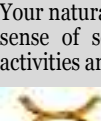
A leading publication quoted Lata as saying, "It's a pleasure to come together with my sister again. I've always maintained she's a very versatile and skilled singer. We've sung many songs together and it's always a challenge to sing with my sister." The historic number releases on

Horoscope


Aries (March 21 - April 19)

 You probably think of yourself as a curious intellectual, Aries, but a recent expansion in career and finance has brought out talents for business and money that you didn't know you had. This has been a time not only of success and good fortune but also of learning more about yourself. Don't fall back on old fears or underestimate yourself. You're capable of accomplishing more than you know.


Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

 Your natural warmth is enhanced by a new sense of self-confidence, Taurus. Group activities and social events might bring you into touch with people who prove to be valuable business contacts. Whatever goals you've attempted to reach may finally show signs of materializing, possibly through the efforts of others who believe in you. This should be a very fortunate and enjoyable day for you. Make the most of it!


Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

 Today you might pinch yourself to see if what you're experiencing is real, Gemini. Success and good fortune are coming thick and fast, with only minor setbacks and irritations to complicate matters. Business, money, and career success are likely to be at an all-time high, although you might find yourself feeling a little fearful of what comes next. Don't worry about that. Go with the flow..


Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

 Career and financial success might have paved the way for you to fulfill some of your fondest dreams, Cancer. Perhaps you've wanted to return to college and get an advanced degree, take a trip around the world, or try writing and publishing. Whatever it is, your schedule should be freer and more flexible than ever, so this is the time to go for it. Start planning today!


Leo (July 23 - August 22)

 Now that you feel more secure regarding your business and financial situations, Leo, you might be looking for ways to feed your spiritual and metaphysical interests. Your intuitive and psychic abilities should be operating at a very high level, causing you to experience some vivid dreams and visions and receive the insights that come from them. Books and lectures might prove especially enlightening.


Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

 Just about every department of life should be going very well for you now, Virgo. Business, finances, and partnerships are likely on their way to success, while personal relationships of all kinds, particularly romantic ones, should also be more rewarding. You might be thinking of expanding your horizons through new enterprises or study. Don't be shy - go for it.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

 Whatever you're working on at the moment, Libra, whether business related, personal projects, or volunteer work, it's likely to bring you increased satisfaction on many levels. You're enjoying what you do, making a difference, and meeting new friends. Your health continues to glow. You may feel as if nothing can stop you. Watch out for minor upsets, but nothing that will burst your bubble.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

 It's likely that your personal and creative horizons are expanding, Scorpio. Your or another's artistic enterprises might pay off big today. You could be introduced to people who prove to be valuable contacts as well as new friends. Your love relationships are going well. Your new feeling of enthusiasm and self-confidence certainly doesn't hurt!


Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

 A huge get-together of some kind could take place today either at your home or the home of someone close to you, Sagittarius. It's possible this may turn into more than just a fun party. You might become involved in conversations with people who become valuable business or social contacts. Expect to have a wonderful time no matter what you do today.


Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

 Expect many advantageous changes to take place in your community, Capricorn. New businesses could open their doors, interesting neighbors could move in, or some necessary repairs could finally get done. You might spend a lot of time in the car or on the phone and spreading the news. An exciting proposition may come to you or someone close to you through a letter, email, or phone call.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

 You've probably had few periods when business and finance have gone well for you, Aquarius. Now this trend seems to be coming to a head. Today you might start or close some type of agreement that will make a big difference to your finances. Your money situation should not only improve but also stabilize at a level higher than it's ever been. As long as you're diligent, this growth should continue.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

 You tend to be practical and businesslike by nature, Pisces, but the tremendous growth you've experienced may increase your desire to be as sensible and efficient as possible in order to continue this trend. You're feeling upbeat and positive. You're likely to continue to feel this way. The only downside is that you're probably going to be working very hard. You will like the results, though, so go for it.

Warner's blue sky hundred

Sports Desk

It was as if the heavens themselves decided that this was the day for cricket. Adelaide had been shrouded in a haze of clouds and the odd rain shower over the past few days, reflecting the grey countenance of all those involved in the game since the death of Phillip Hughes. But on Test match dawn the sky was the purest blue, ushering in the sort of morning when it was impossible not to yearn for a sight of the game, reports Cricinfo.

After his captain Michael Clarke had won the toss and granted Australia first use of a pristine batting strip, David Warner looked skywards towards that endless blue, as though searching for a glimpse of Hughes. He did so when the two teams and the crowd acknowledged Hughes with 63 seconds of applause. He did again upon reaching 50, and once more when cresting 63.

When Warner punched through mid-off for his century, the eyes went up again, this time taken higher by his signature leaping celebration. First seen against India at the WACA Ground in January

2012, the jump has become a familiar sight for team-mates and opponents. This time Warner's back and neck arched a little further back, his triumphant yell directed not towards the stands, but to Hughes and the heavens. Scarcely a spine among the 25,619 present failed to tingle.

The emotion of Warner's innings was thus apparent all the way through. Recurring glances above recalled nothing so much as Darren Lehmann's century against Sri Lanka in Galle a decade ago, where he acknowledged David Hookes with similar reverence. But the triumph of this innings was that whenever a bowler entered his run and delivery stride, Warner's eyes were level and hands steady - he kept his emotions in check.

This sort of focus has not been easy for Warner in recent days. No cricketer was closer to Hughes in the horrible hour between his collapse on the SCG pitch and his conveyance to St Vincent's Hospital by ambulance. Perched at Hughes' side while medical staff worked on him, Warner held his friend's hand and spoke the most encouraging words he could muster. The struggle to comprehend what happened, then the



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grief of Hughes' death, have caused Warner's moods and emotions to swing. In preparation for this Test he even had to abandon one net session while struggling to find his focus.

Yet here and now, under Adelaide's blue sky, Warner made himself ready. For a batsman so often labelled impulsive, his composure was exemplary, his purpose was crystal clear. A slight jumble of feet when he ducked the first bouncer of the day was Warner's only misstep. Even the early flurry of boundaries that allowed Warner and Australia to gain the momentum arrived

in a manner less risky than the scoreboard would suggest.

Mohammed Shami and Varun Aaron started the day with a plan to bowl around the wicket to Warner, perhaps hoping to tuck him up the manner that England once managed against Adam Gilchrist when they were also coached by Duncan Fletcher. But they drifted wide of the stumps, and without the angle across Warner that an over-the-wicket line would have provided. This reduced the degree of difficulty, and the flurry of boundaries prevented Virat Kohli from exerting any pressure on his first day as

India's stand-in Test captain.

By the time Kohli had Shami and Aaron moving back over the wicket, Warner had already galloped to 34 from 16 balls, and much of the shine had been cuffed from the Kookaburra's surface. It was from over the wicket that Ishant Sharma tempted Chris Rogers into an airy drive and an edge to Shikhar Dhawan at second slip, but by then the Australian 50 had already been posted. Warner had bolted.

Though Shane Watson did not last, Warner demonstrated that not only is he enormously strong in mentality but he has also eclipsed Clarke as Australia's

finest current batsman. Back and hamstring troubles have restricted Clarke's chances to find the rhythm and power of his batting peak, and an ill-timed recurrence would force him from the field when finding a little more fluent territory on 60. This has left Warner as the man most feared by opposing bowlers, capable of rapid bursts like that against the new ball but also more considered accumulation and manipulation of fields.

Nothing Kohli tried by way of field placings or bowling combinations troubled Warner, and it was ultimately waning energy and concentration that did for him. Karn Sharma's legbreaks were looped a little more teasingly in the late afternoon, and after Warner missed one tired-looking sweep, he connected too awkwardly with an attempted slog and shelled a catch to deep midwicket. His acknowledgement of the applause looked weary, having drained so much energy in finding a way to not only play but thrive two Tuesdays after Hughes was hit.

"It was quite tough early on there with the 63-second applause and getting through the national anthem that set me off a bit inside," Warner told Channel Nine. "I played with a lot of adrenaline there but really had to pull it back after I got going. Being there on the day it happened it was quite tough, the memories are still stuck in my head. But I spoke a lot to Michael Lloyd our psychologist, and the support from everyone has been amazing."

Warner's downbeat visage was to be mirrored by his team-mates in the final hour, as a late decline of 3 for 9 illustrated how hard it is to maintain vitality and resolution after the trials of the preceding two weeks. At the same time it showed how great Warner's effort had been, and how much he had honoured a fallen friend by his batting beneath the brilliant blue. Hughes would have enjoyed it.

Man United beats Southampton 2-1 in Premier League

Sports Desk

Two clinical finishes from Robin van Persie gave Manchester United a 2-1 victory against Southampton in the Premier League on Monday, despite the visitors being pegged back for much of the game at St. Mary's, reports AP.

Van Persie scored with United's only two efforts on target to give Louis van Gaal's side its fifth win a row and overtake Southampton in third place. Southampton dropped to fifth behind West Ham after its third straight loss against the teams it hopes to challenge for a top-four spot - Manchester City, Arsenal and United.

Van Persie punished a wasteful performance from the home side, which created enough chances to win the game comfortably.

He took advantage of a defensive blunder to put United ahead after 12 minutes, and went unmarked to meet Wayne Rooney's free kick at the far post to poke in the winner after Graziano Pelle had levelled for Southampton in the 31st.

"I don't think we played our best football today," Van Persie said.

"In the end, it's a fifth straight victory. We're on the way up."

United's opener came when Southampton captain Jose Fonte hit a poor backpass to goalkeeper Fraser Forster and Van Persie ran through, waited for Forster to dive and stroked the ball through his legs and into the far corner.

But United was unable to build any momentum from its goal, as Southampton relentlessly attacked in search of an equalizer.

It finally came after Marouane Fellaini gave the ball away in midfield, and Dusan Tadic initiated a quick attack. He played the ball out to Shane Long on the edge of the area, who returned it with a high cross. Tadic's effort was blocked by Paddy McNair, but

the ball fell to Pelle who converted from close range.

Long could have put Ronald Koeman's side ahead in the 34th but blasted high and wide from close range after McNair failed to clear a touch from Sadio Mane.

Southampton's dominance was so strong that Van Gaal felt compelled to take off the struggling McNair in the 39th and replace him with Ander Herrera.



Robin van Persie scored twice as Manchester United continued its resurgence, climbing to third in the Premier League with a 2-1 win over Southampton.

Sports Desk

Half-centuries from Haris Sohail and an unexpectedly restrained Shahid Afridi revived a floundering chase as Pakistan won a thrilling first ODI by three wickets. New Zealand, having hauled themselves out of a mire of their own thanks to a century from Ross Taylor, were running away with the game at the three-quarter mark, but Haris and Afridi snatched it away with breathtaking coolness. Haris finished on an unbeaten 85, to go with 10 tight overs of left-arm spin earlier in the day, reports Cricinfo.

When Afridi walked in to bat, Pakistan were six down, and needed 123 off 122 balls. The left-handed Haris was batting on 34, and had played a couple of lovely lofted drives against the spinners in a fighting innings that seemed destined to go down as a small positive in a big defeat. That's all it would have been if Afridi had made a typically harebrained 15 or 20 at the other end.

But Afridi knuckled down, and brought out his first slog only 21 balls into his innings. By then, he had picked up boundaries with a screaming drive over extra cover and a crafty dab behind the wicket, but had otherwise simply knocked the ball around for ones and twos. That first slog produced a thick edge to the third man boundary. The next slog came when he was on 30. He swung and missed and the ball was wide of off stump.

Feeding off a senior partner who was batting like one, Haris grew in confidence and reached his half-



Shahid Afridi hit 61 off 51 balls.

Haris, Afridi steer Pakistan to thrilling win

century with a glance off his hips. The runs kept flowing, and the decades rolled away from the equation. When Pakistan needed 40 off 30, Haris smacked James Neesham over mid-off. With 27 required from 19, Afridi launched Kyle Mills over long-on. Taylor kept New Zealand in the game, running out Afridi with a direct hit when 13 were still required, but Wahab Riaz kept his cool at No. 8 to see Pakistan home with three balls remaining.

Pakistan had left out Umar Akmal, and the lack of urgency in their new-look top six - among whom Younis Khan boasted the highest strike rate, 75.33 - was shown up as they began their chase of 247. Never the most confident chasers, Pakistan lacked thrust at the top of the order, particularly with Sarfraz Ahmed batting at No. 7. The runs came at a trickle, and scoreboard pressure produced wickets. By the 18th over, they were 52 for 4.

News in Brief



Djokovic, Federer finish off IPTL's India leg

Sports Desk

Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer finished off the India leg of the International Premier Tennis League with a highly-anticipated meeting between the two stars in front of a frenzied New Delhi crowd on Monday. The one-set match between the two rivals ended in a 6-6 stalemate under the format rules, which meant Djokovic's UAE Royals team came away with a 29-22 win over Federer's Indian Aces. The exhibition-style tournament features five one-set matches between the two teams, with the overall score made up of the total number of games won by each side. Earlier.



Usain Bolt looking for right girl to marry

Sports Desk

World's fastest man Usain Bolt has revealed that he is now willing to settle down and have kids with a right girl. The eight-time world champ in athletics asserted that one get lot of offers for sure, if one was famous, but it was hard adding that he was trying to find a girlfriend now, the New York Post reported. Sometime ago the Jamaican sprint ace uploaded a picture captioned, "Calling all trouble makers," on Instagram. Later he was seen enjoying the Miami Heat and San Antonio Spurs NBA finals with the No 1 in women's singles tennis, Serena Williams.



Lewis Hamilton: Spa was title turning point

Sports Desk

Hamilton ended the Spa weekend 29 points off Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg after a collision on the second lap of the race. Mercedes publicly reprimanded Rosberg for his part in the collision, and Hamilton subsequently went on a run of five consecutive grand prix victories to turn that deficit into a 24-point advantage heading into the final two races of the season. The British racer went on to clinch the crown comfortably with victory in the double points Abu Dhabi finale, but revealed during Sunday's AUTOSPORT Awards that Spa had been the defining moment of his campaign.

Crosswords

Quiz No-579



Answers of the Quiz No-580



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ACROSS

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K.S.Tabrez, Managing Director of the bank formally inaugurates the Chandpur Branch at 2nd floor, 248, Shahid Muktijoddha Road, Chandpur.

Dutch-Banqla Bank has opened its 142nd Branch at Chandpur

Business Desk

Dutch-Bangla Bank has opened its 142nd Branch at Chandpur (Hakim Plaza, 2nd floor, 248, Shahid Muktijoddha Road, Chandpur) on Tuesday, reports in press release.

K.S.Tabrez, Managing Director of the Bank formally inaugurated the Chandpur Branch. A Milad Mahfil on the occasion was held seeking blessings of the Almighty Allah for successful operation of the Branch, prosperity of the business community, depositors and stakeholders of the Bank.

Dutch-Bangla Bank provides a wide range of Banking products and financial services including Card services to its retail and corporate customers. The new Branch will provide truly on-line banking facilities to the clients. The total number of the ATM and Fast Track networks of the Bank stands at 2,667 and 320 respectively all over Bangladesh.

DBBL has introduced Mobile Banking Services in 2011 for the first time in Bangladesh; to bring huge number of un-banked population of

the country, particularly, in rural/remote areas into banking channel. Mr. K.S.Tabrez in his address of welcome informed that, DBBL is a market leader in retail customer based deposit accounts which stands at 3.7 million now. He called upon local people and business community to avail the best services and truly on-line banking facilities by maintaining a Bank Account with DBBL.

Senior officials of the Bank and local dignitaries, businessmen, industrialists and other invited guests also attended the inaugural ceremony.



Mongolia elects new cabinet to face economic challenges

ULAN BATOR: Mongolia's parliament began voting in a new cross-party cabinet Today, its official website said, as the sprawling, resource-rich nation struggles with stalling economic growth, reports AFP/BSS.

The "super coalition" of 19 ministers is made up of four different political parties, representing the vast majority of the 76-member Great Hural or parliament.

It will face huge challenges transforming Mongolia's economy, which has been badly hit by a collapse in foreign investment and in commodity prices.

The landlocked country enjoyed world-beating growth in recent years-peeking at 17.5 percent in 2011 -- on the back of a boom in resources exports, mainly of coal, copper and iron ore. But a new foreign investment law put off investors and economic expansion slowed to 5.3 percent in the first half of this year, while the country faces rising inflation and a falling currency. Mongolia last week announced that it has relaunched an international tender to develop Tavan Tolgoi, the country's largest coal deposit, after the previous tender collapsed in 2011. The new cabinet will also have to try to solve a dispute with mining giant Rio Tinto which has delayed the \$5 billion expansion of the huge Oyu Tolgoi copper mine.

Inequality 'significantly' curbs economic growth - OECD

UK : Income inequality has a "statistically significant impact" on economic growth, according to research by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), reports BBC.

In the UK, rising inequality cost the economy almost nine percentage points of GDP growth between 1990 and 2010, the think tank said. The US lost almost seven points. The OECD also found that redistribution of wealth via taxes and benefits does not hamper economic growth.

"This compelling evidence proves that addressing high and growing inequality is critical to promote strong and sustained growth and needs to be at the centre of the policy debate," said OECD's secretary general, Angel Gurría.

"Countries that promote equal opportunity for all from an early age are those that will grow and prosper."

In the 34 countries that are members of the OECD, the gap between rich and poor is at the highest level in 30 years, the group said. The richest 10% in those states earn, on

average, 9.5 times the poorest.

In the 1980s, they earned 7 times as much. The only countries in which the OECD found inequality had fallen were Greece and Turkey. A lack of investment in education was the key factor behind rising inequality, the OECD said.

Fewer educational opportunities for disadvantaged individuals had the effect of "lowering social mobility and hampering skills development," the report warned.

It also said that those whose parents have low levels of education suffer most when inequality rises, whereas family background matters less to those from a more educated social sphere. The OECD called for policymakers to do more than just implement anti-poverty programmes.

"Policy also needs to confront the historical legacy of underinvestment by low income groups in formal education," it said.

"Strategies to foster skills development must include improved job-related training and education for the low-skilled, over the whole working life."

Protesting Thai rubber farmers defy martial law

BANGKOK: Thai rubber farmers defied a law banning political gatherings Today as the industry reels from record low prices and tests the junta's resolve to end the kingdom's subsidy culture, reports AFP/BSS.

Dozens of farmers gathered in the southern town of Surat Thani to call on Thailand's new military rulers to do more to arrest tumbling prices that have left many facing financial ruin. The protests are a significant test for the generals now running the world's largest rubber producer who vowed an end to the country's history.

Tesco shares plunge after profit warning

Tesco has warned its full-year profits will be substantially below market expectations. The supermarket chain said its group trading profit for the full financial year "will not exceed £1.4bn", far below the £1.8bn to £2.2bn range expected by markets.

Tesco chief executive Dave Lewis, who took the helm on 1 September, said changes to the way it deals with its suppliers and taking on 6,000 new staff were responsible for much of the expected profit shortfall.

"We have taken a very deliberate decision not to take short-term measures that would close the profitability gap in the short term, but would not improve relations with customers and suppliers," he added.

Mr Lewis, a former Unilever executive, admitted Tesco's relationship with suppliers had become "bent a little", but said it had now retrained all 900 people involved in

negotiations [with suppliers] at any level and set "a new framework for how we expect the teams to operate".

"It does imply we are trying to make more on the front margin rather than the back margin, on how we sell rather than how we buy. It's a much more efficient model for everybody," he said. "While the steps we are taking... are impacting short-term profitability, they are essential to restoring the health of our business," added Mr Lewis.

The firm said its new approach would "ensure that revenue recognition is transparent and appropriate".

In August, before the accounting irregularities came to light, Tesco had already cut its profit forecast for the year to £2.4bn from £2.8bn. Long journey Analysts warned that Mr Lewis's plans to turn around the supermarket group could take years.

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A judge has ordered taxi booking service Uber to immediately stop operating in Spain, after a series of protests by taxi associations

Mozena asks brands, buyers to continue support for RMG's transformation

He seeks strong, effective govt leadership to transform it

DHAKA : US Ambassador in Dhaka Dan W Mozena on Tuesday called on the brands and buyers to keep up their unprecedented commitment of support to transform Bangladesh's apparel sector, reports UNB.

"Over the next three and a half years, you can do much to help Bangladesh set the global standard for the apparel industry," he said adding that Bangladesh endeavours to bring the sector to standard for fire safety, factory structural soundness and respect for workers' rights.

The US envoy made the call while addressing a function 'American Apparel and Footwear Association Summit Training Conference: Product Safety, Worker Safety, and Supply Chain Compliance' at Bangabandhu International Conference Center in the city.

Vice President of AAFA (American Apparel and Footwear Association) Nate Herman and Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) President M Atiqul Islam also spoke on the occasion.

Mozena also urged the government

of Bangladesh to exercise strong, powerful, effective, and positive leadership to transform the apparel industry.

"The government has already done much with achievements that no one of us could have foreseen 18 months ago in the wake of Rana Plaza. In my view, the government should now complete the task," he said.

Mozena said the government should ensure that all factories are inspected to ensure compliance with safety standards and create mediation and other mechanisms to resolve in real time the inevitable disputes that will arise between management and workers. "I believe the government can succeed on each of these fronts," he added.

Additionally, the US diplomat said, "The government should address the infrastructural and governance challenges that I cited earlier in my remarks. I believe that if there is sufficient will, the government can overcome these challenges as well."

Regarding Bangladesh's target to reach US\$ 50 billion export, he said if the country now undertakes to address

its infrastructure and governance challenges, then this great nation could export even more to the global marketplace.

"Mine is a grand vision, a wondrous vision, a beautiful vision, a vision that I believe could be and should be the reality of Bangladesh. I hope this vision will be Bangladesh's new reality," he added.

He called on BGMEA and BKMEA (Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers & Exporters Association) to work with their members to ensure that each of them and 100 percent of the factories are part of the transformation of the apparel industry.

"All factories must fulfill agreed safety and labour standards. No owner can be allowed to jeopardise the future of the apparel sector by refusing to provide safe working conditions or by abusing workers' rights," he said.

He hoped that the owners, workers, brands and government with the support of friends and partners like America, the ILO and others, are charting the course to realise the vision of a grandly successful apparel industry.

JaPa avoids discussions on graft in JS for its deceit, says BNP

DHAKA : Criticising the Jatiya Party for not being vocal against the government's 'widespread corruption', BNP senior leader Abdullah Al Noman on Tuesday alleged that the opposition party in parliament has a link with the current administration's graft, reports UNB.

"How will the opposition party in parliament raise their voice against graft in the House if they themselves are involved in it? So, there has been no discussion in parliament about the government's pervasive corruption," he said.

Noman, a BNP vice chairman, came up with the remarks while addressing a discussion titled 'Voter-less election is tantamount to annihilation of democracy' arranged by Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Samajkalyan Dal at the Jatiya Press Club.

Accusing the government of grabbing power through a lopsided election, he said the country's people now want to see a fresh inclusive election under a non-party administration.

"BNP's movement for restoring democracy through a fair inclusive election under a non-party administration is on and it'll continue until the fall of this regime," the BNP leader added.

Urging his party men to take to the streets braving all repressive acts and bullets, Noman warned that the one-party rule will be cemented if they fail to force the current regime to hold a fresh election.

"Those who are now firing shots on us and repressing opposition leaders and activists will get defeated at one stage of our movement," he told his audience.

Noman also came down hard on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for what he said making indecent and indecorous comments against BNP leadership. "People have abandoned her (Hasina) for her such attitude."

Japan gifts souvenir coin sets as mark of friendship


DHAKA : Japan has gifted 3000 souvenir coin sets consisting of 6 Japanese coins and one Tk 2 Bangladesh coin to Bangladesh as a mark of friendship, reports UNB.

Japanese ambassador in Dhaka Shiro Sadoshima on Tuesday handed over the coin sets to Bangladesh Bank governor Dr. Atiur Rahman at function at the central bank.

In the coin sets handing over ceremony, officials of Japan Mint, a special agency of Japan responsible for Japanese currency management, and also Bangladesh Bank officials were present. It was informed in the function that Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe gifted the very first set of coins from present consignment to Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina when she visited Japan in May. A Bangladesh official said that the souvenir coin sets will be released soon by the central bank after setting a price and those will be available for general public to buy those coins from Taka Museum at Mirpur. He said that each set of

coins are being sold in Japan at US\$ 18. Addressing the function, the Japanese Ambassador read out a statement of the head of Japan Mint where he said the coin sets represent the friendly ties between Japan and Bangladesh. The gift was given by the initiative of the Japanese Prime Minister to honour and strengthen the friendship between the two nations. Appreciating the Japan Mint's initiative, the Bangladesh Bank governor termed the friendly relation between the two nations as a historic one founded many years ago.

He said as a time-tested friend Japan remains one of the largest development partners of Bangladesh since her liberation in 1972 through economic and technical cooperation. He said Japan is the largest development partner of Bangladesh, 7th largest destination of our exports, 5th largest source of imports and in case of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Bangladesh Japan ranks 8th.

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Invitation for Tenders
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Date: 07.12.2014

Field Maintenance Division 2, Dhaka W.A.S.S.A. invites tenders from interested, well qualified tenderer for

Sl.	Tender No.	Identification of Lot	Procurement Method	Tender Document Price (Taka)	Tender Security (Taka)
A	6th 70	Procurement of necessary Materials for Machine Group of FMU-2	QJM	650/-	1,500/-
B	62nd 3	Withdrawal and Re-connection of 20 nos Submersible Pump-set at different pump station under 'MOSES' circle-2	QJM	650/-	12,000/-

Tender last Receiving Date	28.12.2014	Time to 05.00 PM
Tender Closing Date and Time	29.12.2014	12.00 at noon
Tender Opening Date and Time	29.12.2014	3.30 PM

For details visit DWASA website www.dwasa.gov.bd

Authority reserves the right to reject all the tenders in annual tender proceedings.

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(Md Wahidul Islam Murad)
Executive Engineer
FM Division-2, Dhaka W.A.S.S.A.

**DAKSHINRAD GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED** দক্ষিণরাদ গ্যাস বিতরণ কোম্পানি লিমিটেড
(A Company of Petrobangla)
0202-16, BANGLADESH
INVIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL RE-TENDER
Ref. No. 28.02.1909.011.53.CB.14102-Re-tender
Dated 04.12.2014

01. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Energy & Mineral Resources Division		
02. Agency	Dakshinrad Gas Distribution Company Limited		
03. Procuring Entity Name	Dakshinrad Gas Distribution Company Limited		
04. Procuring Entity District	Comilla, Bangladesh		
05. Invitation for	Procurement of 06 no. of 3000 Maximum Transfer Power for installation of 1 no. of Gas Motor with necessary accessories including installation, testing & Commissioning on Turn-key basis. Size: 2" to 12", Capacity: 10 to 6000 m³/hr.		
06. Invitation Ref. No.	28.02.1909.011.53.CB.14102-Re-tender		
07. Date	04.12.2014		
08. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method, Single Envelope Tendering Procedure		
09. Origin and Source of Funds	BD/DCL's own Fund, Cash Foreign Exchange		
10. Time limit to submit tender document	From 14.12.2014 to 12.01.2015 during office hours.		
11. Tender Last Receiving Date	12.01.2015	Time	12.00 Noon
12. Tender Receiving Date & Time	13.01.2015	Time	05.15 PM
13. Tender Opening Date & Time	13.01.2015	Time	05.15 PM
14. Name & Address of the official to supply Tender Documents	Tender Documents will be available in the following office of DAKSHINRAD Gas Distribution Company Limited, during office hours: a) Accounts Department, Head Office, Chappara, Comilla, Bangladesh. b) Dhaka Liaison Office, House No. 223, Lane No. 13, Lake Road, New DOHS, Modelkhail, Dhaka-1206, Bangladesh.		
15. Relating Tender Documents	Purchase Department, Dakshinrad Gas Distribution Company Limited, Head Office, Chappara, Comilla, Bangladesh.		
16. Opening Tender Documents	Purchase Department, Dakshinrad Gas Distribution Company Limited, Head Office, Chappara, Comilla, Bangladesh.		
17. Eligibility of Tenderer	All bidders Manufacturer/Suppliers are eligible. But they must have relevant Track Record/Experience in manufacture/supply of at least one no. of Transfer Power with necessary accessories including installation, testing & Commissioning on Turn-key basis for last 5 (five) years.		
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19. Price of Tender Document	US\$ 60.00 or Tk. 9000.00 (Nine thousand)		
20. Identification of Lot	Tender Security: 10000/-		
21. Name & Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Nand Kulkarni Deputy General Manager (Purchase)		
22. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager (Purchase), Dakshinrad Gas Distribution Company Limited, Chappara, Comilla, Bangladesh. Tel: +880-91-44681, E-mail No. dgm_purchase@dgsl.com.bd		
23. Special Instructions	a) Local bidders are not eligible to participate in this tender. But they will not be regarded as Local Agent of foreign Manufacturer/Supplier. b) Should the submission date of tender happen to fall on holiday, tender shall be received and opened at the same time & place on the first subsequent working day. c) BIDDING reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.		

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immediate cease-fire, (c) repatriation of the Pak forces to West Pakistan, (d) repatriation of all other West Pak personnel who desire to leave, (e) the safety of the others settled in East Pakistan since 1947 and (f) a guarantee of no reprisals.

In the West, the Indians seem to be successfully repulsing Pak attacks in Kashmir, but show no signs yet of initiating a major offensive of their own. Repeated Indian air strikes and shellings from naval forces on Karachi have dealt a major blow to Pakistan's POL supply.

The Indians have announced a bombing pause over both Dacca and Karachi for evacuation purposes. Evacuation planes will be given safe conduct into Karachi for four-hour periods today and tomorrow and the Dacca airport is to be free from attacks for 24 hours so that it can be repaired. Foreign evacuation planes bound for Dacca will then be given safe conduct for 10 hours on Saturday on the condition that they land at Calcutta before and after going to Dacca. UN personnel reportedly will remain behind in Dacca for possible assistance in arranging a cease-fire or surrender."

Discussion between Kissinger and Nixon: "I'm going to hand him a very tough note to Brezhnev and say this is it now, let's settle the, let's get a cease-fire now. That's the best that can be done now. They'll lose half of their country, but at least they preserve the other half." Nixon agreed that "our desire is to save West Pakistan." Nixon asked for an assurance that the necessary steps were being taken to "keep those carriers [sic] moving." Kissinger assured him that "everything is moving." In addition to the carrier group, Kissinger reported that "four Jordanian planes have already moved to Pakistan, twenty-two more are coming. We're talking to the Saudis, the Turks we've now found are willing to give five."

US Ambassador to Pakistan, Joseph Farland, to Kissinger:

"President Yahya proposes (a) India and Pakistan should agree to an immediate ceasefire with the separate armed forces "standing fast"; and that the United Nations or other international organization provide observers to see that the ceasefire is effective; (b) that India and Pakistan "at any effective level" immediately open negotiations aimed at a settlement of the war and troop withdrawal; and coincident therewith simultaneously enter into negotiations looking towards the political satisfaction of Bengali aspirations, i.e., a political settlement."

Meanwhile on the ground, Laksham, a strategic township straddling the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway, was liberated. The Pak commanding officer surrendered with his officers and 416 men.

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e-Tender Notice
(Open Tendering Method)

Memo no. 3351
Date : 07-12-2014.

This is to notify all concerned that the following tender have been published through e-GP portal

ID & Package No.	Package Description	Publishing Date Closing Date
15192 e-GP-13/RHD/EE/Ran g/2014-15	Executive Engineer, RHD, Rangpur's Residence Repair & Renovation work Road under Road Division Rangpur During FY 2014-15.	04-Dec.-2014. 12.00 Noon 24-Dec.-2014. 11.00 AM
15214 e-GP-14/RHD/EE/Ran g/2014-15	Repair & Renovation work of RHD Sarak Bhaban, Dhap. Rangpur Office Building under Road Division Rangpur during FY 2014-15.	04-Dec.-2014. 12.00 Noon 24-Dec.-2014. 11.00 AM

The interested Firms/persons may visit the web site (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) to get the details of the Tender.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) brought out a rally in city on the occasion of International Anti-Corruption Day.
Photo: Banglar Chokh

Dhaka, Delhi ties elevated to new paradigm: Pranab

DHAKA : Indian President Pranab Mukherjee on Tuesday said Bangladesh-India relations were elevated to a whole new paradigm with the visit of the Bangladesh Prime Minister to New Delhi in 2010 and the subsequent visit by the Indian Prime Minister to Dhaka in 2011, reports UNB.

He mentioned that India was fully committed to resolving not only the outstanding issues such as Land Boundary Agreement and Teesta River Water Sharing, but also other issues to take the bilateral relations to a newer height. The Indian President made the remarks when newly appointed Bangladesh High

Commissioner to India Syed Muazzem Ali presented his credentials to him at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi, according to Foreign Ministry here.

Pranab Mukherjee expressed his gratitude for the cooperation extended by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Bangladesh government for the elimination of the scourge of terrorism in the region. He also expressed satisfaction at the growth of trade and economic ties and hoped that bilateral trade exchange would cross \$ 6 billion mark.

Mukherjee also mentioned that India, being fully appreciative of the trade imbalance between the two countries,

has already instituted measures to reduce the gap.

In his reply, Bangladesh High Commissioner conveyed greetings from Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and iterated the Bangladesh government's firm desire to further expand and to further consolidate the bilateral ties.

He also mentioned that Bangladesh was looking forward to the early resolution of LBA and Teesta issues.

Syed Muazzem Ali also iterated the Bangladesh government's resolve for the elimination of all forms of terrorism in Bangladesh and in the region.

Day-long hartal ends in Khagrachhari

KHAGRACHHARI : A day-long hartal, enforced by 'Santras O Chandabaji Protirodh Committee' (A platform to resist terrorism and extortion) protesting the rise in terrorist activities and extortion in the district was observed peacefully on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The activists of the committee brought out a procession, led by its convener Rafiqul Islam, and held a rally at Shapla Chatter in the district town during the hartal hours.

Most of the motorised vehicles remained off the roads while business establishments kept their shutters down.

No long-route buses left the district town. A large number of police personnel remained deployed in the town to fend off any trouble.

Malala and Kailash to receive Nobel Peace Prize Today

OSLO: Indian Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kailash Satyarthi and the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize recipient Malala Yousafzai will receive Nobel Peace Prize at the Oslo City Hall today, laureate Kailash Satyarthi on Tuesday said that he will work together with 'his daughter', Pakistani campaigner for girls' education and the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize recipient Malala Yousafzai, reports AFP/Dawn.

Kailash, an Indian anti-child labour activist and head of the South Asian Coalition Against Child Servitude, has previously pledged to join hands with



Malala "to fight for peace" between the two neighbouring nuclear-armed countries.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee announced the names of the two South Asian activists in October as joint Nobel Peace Prize laureates

"for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education."

Malala, now 17, was shot in the head by a Pakistani Taliban gunman in Swat two years ago.

Sagar-Runi murder Rab asked to submit probe report Dec 30

DHAKA : A Dhaka court on Tuesday refixed December 30 for the submission of the probe report on the murder of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi, reports UNB.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Maruf Hossain set the new date following time petition filed by Rapid Action Battalion assistant police super Wares Ali Miah, also investigation officer of the case.

The court has so far deferred the date for submission of the probe report for 29 times.

On February 11, 2012, Maasranga TV news editor Sagar and ATN Bangla senior reporter Runi were found murdered in their rented flat in Dhaka's Rajabazar.

Three investigation officers have so far been changed. The fourth one, Wares Ali, took over the onus of investigation into the gruesome murder in March this year.

Defamation case against Syed Ashraf dismissed

BOGRA : A court here on Tuesday dismissed a defamation case lodged against Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam for his derogatory remarks against US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Nisha Desai Biswal, reports UNB.

Judge of the Senior Judicial Magistrate Court-1 Abul Kalam Azad passed the order hours after the case was filed.

Earlier, Jahangir Alam, former general secretary of Rajshahi Government City College Chhatra Sangsad, filed the case with the court in the morning.

According to the case statement, Syed Ashrafur Islam while addressing a public rally at Khulna Circuit House on November 11 called the US assistant secretary a 'two-penny minister' which, he claimed, tarnished the image of Bangladesh abroad.

After hearing the charge, the court dismissed the case.

The complainant, however, said he would move the Judge Court against the judicial magistrate court's order.

DCC polls not possible in January : CEC

DHAKA : Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad on Tuesday said it is not possible to arrange polls to bifurcated Dhaka City Corporation in January next, reports UNB.

"Why should I hold election in January? We'll need more time to take our preparations. Time is needed to print (updated) electoral rolls and declare the election schedule," he told a press conference at the Election Commission media centre.

The CEC came up with the reaction a day after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Monday's cabinet meeting reportedly asked the authorities concerned to arrange the overdue elections to the bifurcated DCC in this winter.

The cabinet meeting also sent back a proposal that sought extension of the tenure of the administrators of Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) and Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) to one year from six months.

The CEC said he came to know from news-

paper reports that the DCC elections will be held in January. "Now the process of updating the voter list is going on. If we want to arrange the election now, we'll have to use old voter list. If so, five lakh fresh voters will be deprived of voting rights in the election," he said.

As per the law, the commission shall finalise updated voter list on January 31 every year.

Kazi Rakibuddin said the commission has to consider the public examinations-SSC and HSC-as well during the announcement of the election schedule. "We avoid elections during the public examinations."

He, however, said if the demarcation complexity of the city corporations is gone, the commission will initiate the process to arrange the polls soon.

The CEC said it is clear that the Election Commission had long been ready to arrange the DCC polls but could not hold the polls due to the proposals of extending boundaries of both the DSCC and DNCC.

China keen to help BD produce paper at low costs

DHAKA : China Light Industrial Corporation for Foreign Economic and Technical Cooperation (CLETC) on Tuesday showed its eagerness to help Bangladesh produce paper at low costs using modern technology, reports UNB.

The state-owned enterprise, CLETC, also offered to extend all sorts of cooperation to increase production capacity of the state-owned sugar mills in Bangladesh.

A five-member delegation of the CLETC, led by its pres-

ident Wang Xianyang, conveyed their eagerness at a meeting with Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu at his Secretariat office, said a handout. The four other delegation members are Zheng Yining, Liang Qi, Chen Hui and Li De.

At the meeting, the delegation members said the CLETC has been providing technical assistance to many countries in producing sugar, paper, leather, milk powder and beverage. The CLETC is also eager to pro-

vide such assistance to Bangladesh to produce paper and sugar, they added.

Industries Minister said the government is considering continuing production in the state-owned sugar mills even outside the season for making the factories profitable ones. The Chinese company can assist the mills to produce sugar outside the season and to diversify their products. It also can help Bangladesh cultivate high-yielding varieties of sugarcane, he added.



Chudanga-6 Border Guard Battalion (BGB) on Tuesday dismantled 25,631 bottles phensidyl and 30kilogram hemp on the highways in front of town football field.
Photo: Banglar Chokh

Human-trafficking gang ringleader held in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR : Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in a drive on Tuesday arrested the ringleader of a human trafficking cartel along with his wife in Takhaf upazila in the district, reports UNB.

The arrestees were identified as Shaker Miah alias Shaker Majhi, 35, son of Kabir Ahmed of Sabrang Mundardail village, and his wife Jaheda Begum, 19.

Acting on a tip-off, a BGB team raided the house of Shaker around 4am and arrested him, said commanding officer of BGB battalion-42 Lt Col Abu Jar Al Jahid.

During the drive, the paramilitary force also detained his wife Jaheda, he said, adding that a locally made firearm and illegally imported beer cans were also recovered from the house.

Shaker used to traffic innocent people to various countries through sea and he is accused in several cases filed against him, said Jahid.

Meanwhile, members of the BGB battalion-42 in another drive recovered 34,000 Yaba tablets worth Tk 1.20 crore from Sabrang Lafargun area around 10am.

Canada for dialogue for transparent democratic process

DHAKA : Outgoing Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka Heather Cruden on Tuesday encouraged dialogue among all major political parties to ensure transparency and accountability in all democratic processes, reports UNB.

"We continue to encourage dialogue between all major political parties," she said during her interactions with ministers.

Cruden met Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader and Health Minister Mohammed Nasim.

She said the last three years were very interesting and challenging and Canada, like the citizens of Bangladesh, is pleased that all the political parties have eschewed violence since the elections.

The Canadian diplomat hoped that Bangladesh can reach its full potential in terms of economic and social development and achieve middle-income status by 2021.

"Bangladesh has made a significant progress in achieving MDGs 4 and 5 and Canada is proud of its support," she said.

During the meetings with the ministers, High Commissioner Cruden talked about Canada-Bangladesh relations, the development partnership between the two countries and trade relations. Expressing satisfaction over her three-year stay in Bangladesh, she said, "I'm extremely pleased that over that period our bilateral trade relationship grew to over Canadian \$1.8 billion and that Bangladesh has been confirmed as a country of focus for our development program."

Canada continues to provide duty-free access for more than Can \$1 billion in readymade garment exports to Canada, Cruden said.

2-Faced Cat, Frank And Louie, Dies At 15

INTERESTING NEWS

This cat had two faces - but only nine lives.

A feline named Frank and Louie after he was born with two faces, two mouths, two noses and three blue eyes has died at the age of 15.

The Telegram of Worcester reports (http://bit.ly/1vo8q09) that Frank and Louie died Thursday at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts



University in North Grafton.

The cat's owner, Marty Stevens, said veterinarians believe the cause of death was cancer.

Frank and Louie made it into the 2012 edition of Guinness World Records as the longest-surviving member of a group known as Janus cats, named for a Roman god with two faces.

Janus cats almost never survive, and most have congenital defects.

Projects focused on specific disasters under plan: Minister

DHAKA : The government is interested in initiating modern projects focused on particular types of disasters, Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya said on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The minister said this while addressing a workshop titled 'Disaster Recovery Planning' at the city's Cirdap auditorium.

The workshop was jointly organised by the Disaster Management and Relief Ministry, International Recovery Platform (IRP) and Institute of Strategic Recovery Studies for Disaster Resilience and Research (ISRSRR).

The minister said, "Diverse natural calamities like flood, cyclone, river erosion, excessive rainfall take place throughout the year; so, a sustainable sys-

tem to reduce the effect of these disasters is essential for Bangladesh."

He said the government is also concerned about fire and earthquake safety in the readymade garment (RMG) sector.

Turning to earthquake apprehension, Maya noted that there is a record of strong earthquake happening in every 50-100 years in the region.

Director general of Disaster Management Department Mohammad Abdul Wazed, chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Disaster Management and Relief Ministry Dharendra Debnath Shambhu, Disaster Management Secretary Mesbah ul Alam and executive chairman of ISRSRR Akram H Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.